

**Town Meeting Subcommittee
Minutes of Meeting of April 20, 2022**

Members present:

Peg Arguimbau
Rob Carver
Keevin Geller

Matthew Keenan
Ganesh Rangarajan

Discussion of Town-wide Governance Survey

Subcommittee members discussed a draft list of more than a dozen questions that could be included in a survey of Sharon residents.

The survey, the second sponsored by the Governance Study Committee, would be used to gauge public opinion about the issues the panel was assigned to review by the Select Board. The responses would be taken into consideration when the governance committee makes its recommendations later this year.

The draft list included questions on subjects such as:

- The size of Sharon's Select Board.
- Opinions about the form of government in Sharon.
- Respondents' level of participation in town elections and Town Meeting.
- Impediments and incentives that influence voters' involvement in civic issues.
- The ability of non-U.S. citizens who are residents of Sharon to take part in town elections or serve on appointed boards.
- The effectiveness of town government.

Some of the questions were modeled on the governance committee's first survey, a poll about Town Meeting.

The committee discussed whether to include a set of demographic questions.

After several revisions, the members agreed to forward the potential survey list to the full governance committee for its April 27 agenda.

Discussion of Town Meeting Survey

The members turned to a review of the Town Meeting survey, scheduled to be distributed to voters attending the annual session on May 2. The members talked about the logistics of distributing the questionnaire and processing the responses.