



Minutes of the Government Study Committee

Date: Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Place: Ipswich Town Manager's Conference Room.

Time: 7:00 PM

Attendees: Gary Champion, Scott Glosserman, Craig Saline, David Standley, Diane Young.
(full membership present)

Observers and Participants: None

Meeting commenced at 7:06 pm, with Craig Saline as chair and David Standley as secretary.

Citizen Queries: None

Introductions: None

Approval of Minutes: On motion of Champion seconded by Saline the draft minutes of the Government Study Committee meeting of March 5, 2019, were approved as transmitted by unanimous vote.

Old Business:

In preparation for the ATM the Committee reviewed its work to date on proposed charter changes.

Saline summarized the meeting on March 25 of GSC members with the Select Board. Clarification was sought of the last sentence of the "home rule" petition to the General Court-it is understood its purpose is to allow the Select Board to reject any undesirable amendments by the General Court. There was further discussion of SB member Craft's desire to clarify intended next steps following the passage of the proposed charter amendments to the role of the Select Board. SB member Alexson sought clarification of the word "ensure". SB member Axelson, calling in, indicated support of article 2 and for long-range planning, and noted her establishment of a small working group developing "building evaluation software".

Recessing and Re-Convening:

The GSC recessed to attend and participate in the ongoing Finance Committee Meeting at 8: 26 PM, reconvening at 8:58 PM.

It was decided to recommend amending the wording of proposed Article 2 to read in part “ensure that there are”.

The Committee will discuss proposed changes to warrant articles with the Planning Board and the Town Manager.

It was agreed that Diane Young was report on selection of Planning Board members would be amended to clarify its purpose and scope. Young and Champion are to meet with the Planning Board.

New Business:

The schedule of future activities in preparation for the ATM will include:

- final recommendations for wordsmithing to the Town Manager
- Saline will attend the “tri Board”
- the Select Board will close the ATM warrant on April 1
- the Finance Committee will make its ATM recommendations on April 9

Next meeting: The next meeting of the Government Study Committee will be on April 9, 2019 at 7 PM, location TBD.

Adjournment: There being no further business, on motion made and duly seconded the meeting was adjourned at 9:29 PM by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

David Standley, Secretary