

April 10, 2023, GSC Meeting

Meeting called to order 6:31 PM

E Smith, C Dalton and G Champion in attendance.

Mitch Mac Donald absent with prior notice.

No citizen queries.

Discussion on Select Board Chair Whitmore and Town Manager Crane request that the GSC attend the 4/10 SB meeting to express what the GSC will report to Town Meeting, and if the GSC report would be made under consent calendar article 1 or under citizen petition article 23 which calls for a GSC report.

Unanimous preference for the GSC to make a report to Town Meeting under citizen petition warrant article 23.

The GSC then met before the SB. SB Chair Whitmore raised extensive discussion on the genesis of a GSC report to Town Meeting, and GSC Chair Champions participation in the citizen petition article 23 for the GSC to make a report. Facts discussed:

One-The GSC had submitted a warrant article to make a report. Resulting email communications to GSC Chair Champion from Town Manager Crane, Town Moderator Murphy and SB Chair Whitmore questioned if there should be a GSC report, if the GSC had anything to report and if a report was allowed should it be under the consent calendar. No understanding or agreement was reached. The GSC article was not placed on the draft warrant for the SB March 6 public warrant hearing.

Two- A citizen petition warrant article 23 called for a GSC report, and for Town Meeting to refer topics to the GSC. Town Moderator questioned if the second part of Article 23 was lawful notice to Town Meeting on what was to take place. Town Moderator agreed with the petitioner's recommendation that the motion on the second part of article 23 will be for Town Meeting to refer the GSC bylaw to the GSC for review and recommendation at the fall Special Town Meeting.

Upon further discussion with the SB, the GSC unanimously agreed to make a report under consent calendar article 1. In turn, the SB unanimously voted "To charge the GSC with review of the current GSC bylaw and make recommendations on possible amendments to the bylaw at the fall Town Meeting".

Further discussion on a collaborative and beneficial GSC/SB relation going forward.

8:30 Motion by C. Dalton to adjourn, second by E Smith, unanimous vote.