



Minutes of the Government Study Committee

Date: Tuesday, June 11, 2019

Place: Ipswich Town Manager's Conference Room.

Time: 7:00 PM

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

Scott Glosserman participated informally by phone commencing at 7:39 P.M.

Observers and Participants: none

Meeting commenced at 7:02 pm, with Craig Saline as chair and David Standley as secretary.

Citizen Queries: None

Introductions: None

Approval of Minutes: the draft minutes of May 7, 2019 were approved as transmitted by unanimous voice vote.

Old Business: Champion discussed the problem raised by State Senate staff regarding legislative approval of adopted Ipswich charter change regarding removal of the section establishing "Inspectors". Senate bills numbers 1202 and 1203 need to be reconciled. He was instructed to work with the Town Manager/Town Counsel to resolve the language conflict.

ATM Articles promoted by GSC and adopted: Committee discussed process for ensuring ratification by the Legislature. Champion, again, was asked to work with the Town Manager to both address any problems with Article 19 and ensure the submittal of Articles 13, 17 and 19.

ATM debriefing:

- Electronic Voting-judged to have worked well; eliminated any challenges to vote counts. This test was free, the cost would be \$20,000 for any future meeting; decisions needed on future system purchase or leasing and on ensuring availability of sufficient devices.
- Floor debates-general discussion of concerns, with no proposal for any Committee actions.

New Business:

Future Town Meetings:

- Calls for “Point of Order”. Committee discussed purposes and usage, and Champion agreed to check “Town Meeting Times” and report back.
- Glosserman suggested the GSC should be entitled to a stage position at Town Meetings. After discussion, no action was taken suggest.

Future actions:

- Select Board should be urged to address open Board and committee positions
- Reconsider the current Government Study Committee workplan, being aware that the Select Board has largely changed since its earlier recommendations were incorporated into that plan. Members were charged to select their personal “Top 5’s” of that workplan and send those choices, with rationales, to the Chair prior to the next GSC meeting
- Press and work for institution and development of a long-range planning process, working with the select Board and the Planning Board and Department. Standley to talk informally with Kerry Makin.

Next meeting: July 2, 2019 at 7 PM, location TBD.

Adjournment: There being no further business, on motion of Champion seconded by Young the meeting was adjourned at 9 PM by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

David Standley, Secretary