



## Minutes of the Government Study Committee

Date: Tuesday, August 27, 2019

Place: Ipswich Town Manager's Conference Room.

Time: 7:00 PM

Attendees: Gary Champion, David Standley, and Diane Young. Craig Saline participated remotely via Sype from Sweden. (Quorum present) Scott Glosserman was absent with prior notice.

Observers and Participants: None

Meeting commenced at 7:06 pm. It was moved by Saline, seconded by Champion, that Diane Young be elected as Chairman pro-tem. The motion passed unanimously. David Standley served as secretary.

Citizen Queries: None

Introductions: None

Approval of Minutes: Standley moved and Saline seconded that the draft Minutes of the GSC meeting of August 13, 2019 be approved as transmitted; the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business: Consideration of GSC recommendations for Warrant Articles for the October Special Town Meeting.

Appointments of Acting Town Managers

Glosserman's report on the recommendation regarding the appointment of Acting Town Managers was received, read and discussed, as was the draft Warrant Article Submission Form. This recommendation is that appointments of Acting Town Managers to serve during a temporary absence of the Town Manager of not more than 30 days be made by the Town Manager. This was accepted as the final recommendations of the GSC. **It was moved by Champion and seconded by Standley that the Chair e-mail this final GSC recommendation for an October Special Town Meeting Warrant Article, with supporting research of the Committee, to the office of the Town Manager.**

### Management of Town Waterways

The Committee extensively debated alternative recommendations for the approach and structure for continuing management of the Ipswich waterways, including the membership and role of the Waterways Advisory Committee. Champion and Young had met on August 26 with the Town Manager and Town Counsel to obtain their views on that topic and on the products to date of GSC deliberations. The GSC members' summary of the conclusions of that meeting were that:

- The Waterways Advisory Committee should be a committee of the town
- The Select Board should be the approving authority for proposed waterways regulatory measures presented by the WAC and/or the Harbormaster
- Current waterways bylaws should remain in place until superseded or made redundant by future adoption of alternative bylaws
- The Harbormaster should be an *ex-officio* non-voting member of the WAC.

The Committee decided to recommend that the WAC should **not** have direct regulatory powers. Champion presented a further draft (Version 11) of a recommended "management of town waterways" warrant article for the October Special Town Meeting reflecting the consensus of the above-referenced meeting.

**After extensive further word-smithing of Version 11, Standley moved and Young seconded that the GSC approve this amended proposed warrant article. The motion passed unanimously.** There was consensus on the amended "brief summary" of the article to be appended thereto.

Champion's draft of a "Government Study Committee Report" supporting its recommendations was discussed, amended and edited. Champion is to produce and circulate to the Committee an amended version of that report that the Chair will provide to the Select Board.

It was noted that interested groups and entities of the town should be briefed on the Committee's recommendations.

New Business: None

Next meeting: A special meeting of the GSC to attend the September 3 meeting of the Select Board will be held at 8:15 PM at a public location adjacent to Room A of Town Hall. A 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Meeting may be held on September 16 at 7 PM if necessary, location TBD

Adjournment: There being no further business, on motion of Champion seconded by Young the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 PM by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

David Standley, Secretary