

Town of Ipswich

AD HOC CMTE ON APPOINTMENT STRUCTURE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Agenda Revised

Virtual meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 7:00 pm

1. Call to Order
2. Citizen Queries
3. Approval of Minutes
 - August 31, 2021
 - February 2, 2022
4. Discussion/ Adoption/ Recommendation of Process Description
5. Date for Additional Meeting(s)
6. New Business
7. Adjournment

Anthony Marino is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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**MINUTES OF 8/31/21 MEETING OF AD HOC CMTE ON
APPOINTMENT STRUCTURE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The *Ad Hoc* Committee on Appointment Structure of the Finance Committee, established by a majority vote of the 2021 Annual Town Meeting, had its first meeting on August 31, 2021 at 7:30 pm on Zoom.

Three of the four members of the Committee, Tom Murphy, Tony Marino, and Jim Engel, were present. In addition, current Fin Com member Jamie Faye attended.

Because none of the other members of the Committee volunteered, Murphy agreed to serve as Chair. After citizen queries, Murphy reminded all that the Open Meeting Law precludes deliberations via e-mail by a majority (*i.e.*, three or more).

There was a discussion of recruitment of Fin Com members generally, appointment to fill vacancies, the Mass. Moderators Asso. survey of how various towns appoint Fin Com members, and the option of establishing a Nominating Committee from which to harvest appointees to various committees, not simply the Fin Com.

The Committee took no formal action but agree to adjourn to a later date.

**MINUTES OF 2/2/21 MEETING OF AD HOC CMTE ON
APPOINTMENT STRUCTURE OF FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The *Ad Hoc* Committee on Appointment Structure of the Finance Committee, established by a majority vote of the 2021 Annual Town Meeting, had its second meeting on February 2, 2022 at 7:00 pm on Zoom.

All four members of the Committee, Tom Murphy, Tony Marino, Tammy Jones, and Jim Engel, were present. In addition, current Fin Com Chair, Mike Dougherty, was invited to be a non-voting member, *ex officio*, and appointed Fin Com member Janice Clements-Skelton to serve in his place.

Because one member had previously circulated by e-mail a proposed agenda to a quorum of the Committee and that could be interpreted as a “deliberation,” following the case law suggesting the cure for such a violation, if it were one, is to put such “deliberation” on the agenda for the next meeting, Town Manager’s office did so and posted it timely.

There followed a general discussion of whether some of those items (*e.g.*, limiting Fin Com’s jurisdiction to only financial matters, imposing term limits on members, etc.) was properly before the Committee and also some lengthy discussion of the need (or not) to reform the appointment structure of the Fin Com, with various views.

Marino then moved that the Committee take no substantive action to change the three-way appointment structure of the Fin Com, which motion passed by a majority vote. Engel then volunteered to propose a method of publicizing the availability of appointments to all nine Fin Com seats, and agreed to present on that topic at the next meeting.

The Committee then adjourned to March 2, 2022 at 7:00 via Zoom.