



Minutes of the Government Study Committee

Date: Tuesday, February 12, 2019

Place: Ipswich Town Manager's Conference Room.

Time: 7:00 PM

Attendees: Gary Champion, Scott Glosserman (authorized remote participation), Craig Saline, David Standley (authorized remote participation). (Quorum present)

Diane Young was absent with prior occasion.

Observers and Participants: None

Meeting commenced at 7:14 pm, with Craig Saline as chair and David Standley as secretary.

Citizen Queries: None

Introductions: None

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve the draft minutes of the GSC meeting of February 5, 2019 amendment was made by Champion and seconded by Glosserman. The motion was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

Old Business: The Committee continued its discussion of proposed amendments to the Ipswich Town Charter for the 2019 Annual Town Meeting.

The draft "short form" submittal for a proposed Warrant Article amending Section 2 of the Charter to further define the roles and responsibilities of the Select Board was discussed at length. The Chair appointed a subcommittee of Champion and Standley to review, edit and transfer both the "short form" and the "long form" to the Town Manager. Committee members will seek to meet with the Select Board, Planning Board, Finance Committee, and the School Department representatives during the months of March and April.

With respect to altering the method of selection of Planning Board members, the Committee confirmed the study of the issue by Young and its determination that no change should be made, and agreed there should be a Warrant Article announcing its determination. There was discussion as to the need for presenting background information on the determination to Town Meeting.

New Business: The Chair led a discussion of optimizing a process for establishing and continuing a long-range planning process for Ipswich. A favored approach is the establishment of an “ad-hoc working group” to create a permanent body charged with developing and maintaining the long-range plans for Ipswich. This approach might be presented as a PowerPoint slide for the ATM.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 7 PM, location TBD.

Adjournment: There being no further business, on motion of Standley seconded by Champion the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM by unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

David Standley, Secretary