



Minutes of the Government Study Committee

Date: Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Place: Ipswich Town Manager's Conference Room.

Time: 7:00 PM

Attendees: Gary Champion, Craig Saline, David Standley, Diane Young. Scott Glosserman participated remotely by phone with preapproval, (full membership participated)

Observers and Participants: None

Meeting commenced at 7:06 pm, with Craig Saline as chair and David Standley as secretary.

Citizen Queries: None

Introductions: None

Approval of Minutes: a motion was made by Champion and seconded by Saline to approve the draft minutes of the GSC meeting of February 12, 2019 as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Planning Board Members Appointment: The report prepared by Young on general practices conclusion and recommendation of the GSC are to be further discussed with the Planning Board and presented to the Annual Town Meeting in the form of a "Report" of the GSC, as determined to be appropriate by the Town Moderator, rather than as a separate Warrant Article as proposed and drafted by the Committee. Considerable discussion ensued. Clarity is needed on the need for and process for committee reports to Town Meeting.

The Chair will discuss this with the Manager, the Moderator, and possibly Town Counsel.

Charter Section 2 proposed amendments: The "background presentation" (version 6) is to be used by the Chair in his presentation to the ATM in support of our recommended warrant article. Further actions to be taken prior to the ATM include discussions with other boards and with significant commenters.

The question by Selectman Craft as to "next steps" following passage of the Article will be discussed with him by the Chair.

New Business:

Climate Change: The article by Ms, Kuhn on that topic and the subject in general were discussed, without any decision on future GSC involvement.

Dredging: Champion reported on the efforts of a Northeast Coastal Coalition created by Sen. Tarr to promote and facilitate dredging of critical waterways. The Barnstable County dredging program, including its purchase and operation of dredging equipment and use of the dredged material was outlined. The Coalition is considering developing and proposing such an effort in northeast coastal Essex County.

Next meeting: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at 7 PM in the Ipswich Town Manager's Conference Room.

Adjournment: There being no further business, on motion of Champion seconded by Young the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 PM by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

David Standley, Secretary