

Town Government Study Committee
Minutes 11/29/2017 - APPROVED

Date: November 29, 2017
Members Present: Ted Flynn, Anne Ward, Gene Blanchard, Gay Shanahan,
Kathleen Glynn, Alex Chin, Julia Adams
Members Absent: None
Guests: None

The meeting was called to order at 7:10. We reviewed overall comments on the DLS/Duxbury report. The Committee all agreed that this had been a helpful and informative part of our process.

We focused on getting votes – either completed or as placeholders to Rene because he is putting the warrant together by 12/1.

- Article A – General By-Law Revisions – we plan to have copies of the changes available for handout at Town Meeting and filed with the Town Clerk. We voted this article previously, so it is ready to go to Rene.
- Article B. Moderator’s Term – This article is voted and ready to go to Rene.
- Article C. Reconsideration – This article needs to be re-voted. Susan Kelley had some thoughts and the language is still unclear. This article should go as a placeholder. Not voted.
- Article D. Town Planner – This article will be rewritten again. Not voted, send as a placeholder.
- Article E. Annual Audit - We voted this article unanimously, and it is ready to send to Rene.
- Article F. Elected Employees and other positions - We voted this article unanimously and it is ready to send to Rene.
- Article G. Authority for partial Tax payments – Gene and Gay will meet with Rene early next week to discuss the DLR language or any mechanics the Treasurer/Collector would like to use.
- Article H. License Denial due to Outstanding Taxes – We voted this article unanimously and it is ready to send to Rene.
- Article I. Personnel Board – We voted this article unanimously and it is ready to send to Rene.
- Article J. Audit Committee – We discussed two versions – one detailed and one more of a framework. We discussed the composition of the committee, as some members felt it should be larger and include a member of the School Committee and a member at large. We did not vote this article as it needs re-writing, so we will send it as a placeholder.

We briefly discussed the draft report. Gay will contact Jeannie Horne regarding the GIC to confirm our inability to change from privately insured health care for some period of time. Gay will also discuss with Jeannie the possibility of having a member of the Personnel Board present at Town Meeting to offer support to its elimination.

The next meeting will take place early at 6pm. This timing provides opportunity to meet and then go to the scheduled Fiscal Advisory meeting. The FA meeting is primarily to discuss the conflicting definitions of capital, but also to alert them to the possibility we will be recommending a process for construction projects that includes that committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Gay Shanahan