

Town Government Study Committee  
Minutes 07/27/2017 - APPROVED

Date: July 27, 2017

Members Present: Gene Blanchard, Kathleen Glynn, Marty Desmery, Anne Ward, Alex Chin and Julia Adams

Members Absent: Ted Flynn & Gay Shanahan

Marty Desmery called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

The Committee began by discussing the last meeting with the DOR, which everyone agreed went very well. Marty reported, however, that the DOR personnel expressed concern about our decision not to increase the number of Selectmen, so the Committee discussed this issue again. Alex reported that most Towns have either 3- or 5-member Boards, with larger towns usually opting for more members. The Committee noted that Duxbury's population has remained fairly steady, and the Town often has trouble convincing qualified candidates to run for office. Also, Duxbury has professional managers in many of its key municipal positions, so the burden on the Board of Selectmen has probably decreased rather than increased over the years. The Committee decided to stick with its recommendation of a 3-person Board of Selectmen.

The Committee then reviewed the existing draft reports. Each author took notes of the comments made by other Committee members, and will incorporate those comments into the next set of drafts.

The next meeting will be held on August 15, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17 pm.