



## Minutes of the Government Study Committee

Date: Tuesday, May 7, 2019

Place: Ipswich Town Manager's Conference Room.

Time: 7:00 PM

Attendees: Gary Champion, Craig Saline, Diane Young, and David Standley (quorum present). Standley voted in accordance with the Town's Remote Participation Policy.

Observers and Participants: None

Meeting commenced at 7:10 pm, with Craig Saline as chair and Diane Young as secretary pro tem.

Citizen Queries: None

Introductions: None

Approval of Minutes: On motion of Champion seconded by Young, the minutes of the GSC meeting of April 9, 2019 were approved by unanimous vote after insertion of a correction by Saline.

### Old Business:

The Committee discussed preparation for the May 14 Town Meeting. Saline will attend the Town Moderator's meeting on May 8. Slide presentation for Articles 17 and 19 have been sent to the Town Manager's office.

Glosserman will present Article 18 (making bylaws gender neutral).

Young will present Article 19 (report on election or appointment of the Planning Board). Saline will inquire about putting the related research document on the Town website.

Saline will present Article 17 (amending Section 2 of the Charter). He will emphasize four words: unprecedented, boundaries, process, and collaboration. Town Counsel George Hall's letter re charter or bylaw for Article 17 opened up what some saw as a preferred alternative to Article 17: a comprehensive review of the Charter, laying out the role of all boards and

committees. GSC cannot focus on the other boards and committees until there is clarity on what the top two (Select Board and Town Manager) are responsible for. Standley commented that the GSC did present a holistic recommendation to the Board of Selectmen in 2002 or 2004, and the Board took no action on it.

The Committee reviewed who is expected to speak in support of Article 17. A letter by Champion soliciting support for Article 17 will be a guest column in the Chronicle.

The Town Election will bring in two new members of the Select Board. Saline recommends revisiting the list of the GSC's tasks, as a majority of the Select Board members who contributed to the list will no longer be in office.

Next topic: the relationship between the Select Board and the Town Manager.

New Business: None

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 7 PM, location TBD.

Adjournment: There being no further business, on motion of Champion of seconded by Young, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane J. Young, Secretary pro tem