

Board of Selectmen Meeting: Tuesday, September 15, 2015
Present: Murphy, Freiman, Gibbs and Searle (Morgan was absent)
Also Present: Larsen
Minutes Approved: None

Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

1. Citizen Speak

None.

2. Discussion of Town Government Study Committee (TGSC) recommendations

Katherine Babson, Rose Mary Donohue and Ray Miyares, representing the Town Government Study Committee joined the Board and Mr. Murphy initiated a continuation of the Board's discussion of the recommendations of the TGSC.

Ms. Gibbs led a review of the provisions of the proposed new Bylaw Article 6A – Budget Provisions. The Board asked questions and provided feedback regarding various provisions.

Some of the Board's concerns focused on the role of the Town Manager, e.g., is that individual to be responsible for the "coordination" of budget submissions and "compilation" of the Town-Wide Financial Plan, vs. taking a more active role in the development of the budgets and other plans. The Board and Mr. Larsen felt the language needed to be clearer as to the substantive intent of the changes.

The Board and representatives of the TGSC discussed the logistics for finalizing the language of these proposed Bylaw changes. The Board's intention is to finalize their review of the TGSC proposals by September 21st, and sign the warrant for the upcoming Special Town Meeting on September 28th. This will allow time for the TGSC to vote on any changes in their recommendations at a meeting next week (such changes will likely impact the language of the warrant).

Ms. Gibbs briefly reviewed proposed minor changes to miscellaneous other Bylaws.

Ms. Gibbs led a brief review of the provisions of the proposed new Bylaw Article 42A – Planning and Land Management Division. Tom Ulfelder, another member of the TGSC joined the meeting and helped respond to the Board's questions and comments.

Mr. Larsen suggested the Board may want to further consider the role of the PLMD Director, e.g. whether that individual is to be responsible for the "administration" of the relevant departments, vs. the "management and administration" of those departments, and that the language may need to be clearer.

The Board will consider this suggestion on September 28th during the Board's final review and discussion on the proposed new Division

At 7:00 PM the meeting was adjourned and the Selectmen proceeded to the meeting of the Town Government Study Committee.