



GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE MEETING  
Minutes of the April 10, 2002 Meeting  
Selectmen's Office 7:30 PM

Present: Members George Bailey, David Fixler, David Hearne, Leonard Segal, Patricia Zlotin, Anne Carney

Absent: Dennis Friedman and Michael Schachter

Chairman Anne Carney called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM.

Chairman Carney noted that this was the first of four meetings scheduled to solicit input from Sharon citizens concerning changes they would like to have the Government Study Committee consider. She mentioned that Paul Bouton, who is the only candidate for Moderator, was in Washington DC and unable to attend this meeting. He will come to a subsequent meeting.

Five taxpayers, including four citizens attending for the first time, stated their concerns about the way open town meeting form of government works in Sharon. One of the biggest complaints was the length of time it took to get through the warrant articles. Committee members stated some of the ideas discussed to date that might remedy that problem. Such things as having the Moderator set time limits, having a "pro and con" microphone and possibly having two regularly scheduled town meetings in the spring and fall were some of the items already considered by the committee.

Sandra Atlas asked if the committee had looked into other forms of government and each member gave his/her ideas on what has been discovered to date concerning open town meeting, representative town meeting and council form of government.

Committee members also commented on ideas that could be accomplished relatively easily and those that needed more study or by-law changes.

Some time was spent on discussing ways to get information out to the community. Deena Segal suggested having the schedule for the reruns of some of the taped informational governmental cable programs published in the Advocate.

Len Segal brought up the fact that the committee's article was never published in the Advocate and the committee decided to submit it again and include the dates for our

upcoming meetings. Dave Fixler will e-mail the updated version to Len Segal who will get it to the Advocate.

Chairman Carney thanked the attendees for their input. She then asked the committee to accept the minutes of the meetings of February 12<sup>th</sup> and March 12<sup>th</sup> 2002. Pat Zlotin motioned acceptance of the minutes and David Hearne seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Anne Carney stated that the next meeting will be Thursday April 25, 2002 and not the 23<sup>rd</sup> since a planning board meeting was scheduled for that night.

With no further business to discuss, Anne called for adjournment. The motion was seconded by George and voted unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM

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