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## **Committee to Study the Number of Selectmen**

### **Minutes of Meeting held January 30, 2018 Town Hall Conference Room 1**

Present: Michael Crowley, Debra Deutsch, Judie Feins, Laurie Graham, Dan Halston, Doug John, Ralph Jones, Andrew Plunkett, Lynn Peterson Read, Paul Rickter, Maryann Scali, Amy Trotsky, Peter Whitmer.

Mr. Rickter called the meeting to order at approximately 7:10 p.m.

#### **Approval of Minutes of Meeting held January 17, 2018**

After a brief discussion of the draft minutes of the meeting held January 17, 2018, a motion was made by Ms. Scali and seconded by Mr. Crowley to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Approval of Minutes of Meeting held January 23, 2018**

After a brief discussion of the draft minutes of the meeting held January 23, 2018, a motion was made by Ms. Scali and seconded by Mr. Crowley to approve the minutes. The motion passed with all in favor, except for Ms. Deutsch and Mr. Halston who abstained because they had not attended the January 23d meeting.

#### **Review of Draft Report**

The members present reviewed the draft report and the various appendices and made editorial suggestions to various sections of the report and the appendices.

They also suggested that the separate appendices be posted on the Town's web site so as to shorten the length of the overall report. They also suggested that a table of contents be added.

Mr. Rickter agreed to draft a letter to the Town Meeting Members for the distribution of the report.

Mr. Rickter, as Chair of the Committee, then called for a series of votes.

First, he called for a vote of those members endorsing a recommendation maintaining the current size of the Board of Selectmen. 4 members supported the vote: Mr. Jones, Mr. Plunkett, Ms. Scali, and Ms. Trotsky.

Second, he called for a vote of those members endorsing a recommendation increasing the size of the Board of Selectmen. 9 members supported the vote: Mr. Crowley, Ms. Deutsch, Ms. Feins, Ms. Graham, Mr. Halston, Mr. John, Ms. Read, Mr. Rickter, and Mr. Whitmer.

Third, he called for a motion to accept the Report of January 30 as the final Report of the Committee. A motion was made, was seconded, and passed unanimously.

### **Next Steps**

The members then discussed next steps. Mr. Rickter agreed to contact the Board of Selectmen on how they would like to proceed. He also agreed to poll the Committee to schedule a final meeting of the Committee to discuss any further action the Committee needed to take.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m., was seconded, and passed unanimously.

### **Documents Used in the Meeting**

Agenda

Draft Minutes of Meetings held January 17 and 23, 2018

Draft Report of the Committee

The above Minutes were approved at the open meeting held on March 20, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel W. Halston