

## **Governance Committee Meeting**

### **Minutes December 3, 2020**

Members Present: Leah Basbanes, Jim Dow, Bob Nelson, Mike Martin, Leo Tomatich, Susan Psaledakis, Ryan McLane

Also Attending: Kevin Paicos, Brian Palaia

Meeting called to order by Leah Basbanes, Chair at 6:37 pm

Discussion began with review of legal counsel opinion about Road Commission ability to hire and fire. Then launched back to the discussion of a centralized government. It is more efficient in expenditure of resources and money. A centralized government does not make more money, but spreads it out ore equitably.

Elected members of a board must be residents of the town, appointed members do not. The Charter can reconstruct that if wanted. Discussed having BOH, Cemetery, Water, Roads, Library, School Committee stay elected. Town Clerk however should be appointed; it is an exempt employee position.

Determined that we do not need a finance director, and that we already have a Capital Improvement PC and should refer to bylaw.

Discussion continued on the budget process including which budget is to be presented to town meeting Advisory or TA's, the amount of time for it to be presented before ATM.

Bylaws for this will be reviewed to make sure they are all in alignment. Next meeting set for Dec 17<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 6:30 pm.

Adjourned 8:43 pm