Governance Committee Meeting

Minutes March 18 2021

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

Also Attending: Kevin Paicos, Brian Palaia

Meeting called to order by Leah Basbanes, Chair at 6:38 pm.

Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from November thru December 2020 meetings. Voted unanimously to approve.

Draft 11 was reviewed. It was noticed in Section 4.2 (g) that "Town Forest and Cemetery Properties" should be added, as there is more than one town forest and the TA should not have authority over cemeteries.

Review of the strong/weak chief in section 7 -12 resumed.

There was concern express about what the impact of the Charter would have on the by-laws. Kevin stressed that any discrepancies would be decided by how the Charter is written. In general, the Charter would rule over any by-laws. Stressed the importance of looking at every by-law to be clear how it would be impacted.

To start the socializing of the Charter, a draft will be sent out to the town boards and ask for input by April 15th meeting to which all would be invited to attend remotely.

Next meeting set for April 15th at 6:30.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.