

Article Six

Minutes – February 27, 2018

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:04

Present: Suzanne Wright, Mary Ellen Fletcher, Greg MacDonald, Tom Oneil, Barry Greenfield

Absent: Joe Domelowicz

Guests: Michael McClung, Peter Spellios

- II. Review minutes from January 23, 2018.

Status of Action Items:

JD to send 2 motions to BOS & request selectman rep - DONE

JD to talk to Barry Greenfield - DONE

Start a Google doc re long and short-term priorities of members – DONE SW

MF made a motion to approve; BG second, unanimous

- III. Open issues:

Discuss Collins Report and document to identify member goals and priorities. MF reiterated need to get info (more than last meeting) from the Town Administrator about CR items done/happening and other initiatives that are relevant to this committee. BG stressed need to look at the big picture not just minutia. MF made a motion to table work on the shared document until we have updated information from SF, which she would arrange to get; motion seconded by BG; unanimous

New Business:

When asked, MM shared warrant article that created Article 6 and shared slide from 2014 TM presentation “Why Regionalize”

PS talked about FY19 Budget as a better window into problems we (town) needs to solve and an opportunity for Article 6 Committee to raise and discuss uncomfortable questions and make recommendations.

Point of Info – Pioneer Institute Mass Analysis “Benchmark your Community”

We need to ask big questions of our community, MM revisit slide form 2014 TM presentation, “What do Resident’s Think?” Discuss residents’ proclivity for various regional/consolidation ideas.

PS made a suggestion that a member of Article 6 also be on CIC, to help with institutionalizing ideas

In summary , we need to 1. Track current initiatives; 2. Add additional initiative to goals; 3. institutionalize ideas across other decision-makers

BG Wants to pick a big task to research and present to TM/BOS, or maybe 3 ideas each year to TM; at very least this year at TM we need to remind everyone of Article 6 purpose and show a benefit analysis

of CR – list things that have happened that are from CR or derivatives of CR suggestions – try to assign a value to the report.

Additional discussion re Chapter 70 funding and Swampscott's rate, MM & BG shared recent advocacy attempts and issues and cumulative financial impact of not getting entire 17.5% for years. Talked about class action suit to get more equitable rates as compared with like communities. BG to reach out to Attorney General Healy and State Auditor Bump

Schedule Next Mtg Date:

March 27 **6:30pm**

GM left 8:34

Public Comment:

Comment on slide from 2014 "Why Regionalize?" presentation

Action Items:

MF to meet w SF re: Collins Report items or related initiative that are complete or in progress

Members to add info to shared doc, review CR recommendations and come to next mtg with 1 or 2 big ideas

MM to research Article 6 member to CIC or vice versa

BG to contact Healy and Bump re: Chapter 70

Next meeting scheduled March 27 , 2018, @ 6:30 1st fl conf. rm, Town Hall

Motion to adjourn by BG; second by MF; unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 9:24

Minutes submitted by Suzanne Wright

APPROVED 03/29/18