

D R A F T
VISION 2020 STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MARCH 10, 2015 MEETING

Present: Juli Brazile, Joey Glushko, Bruce Fitzsimmons, Jane Howard, Gordon Jamieson, Elizabeth Karpati, **Absent:** Adria Arch, Kathleen Bodie, Steven Byrne, Adam Chapdelaine, Andrew Fischer, Mary Harrison, John Leone, Josh Lobel, Cheryl Miller, Angela Olszewski, Paul Schlichtman, Michael Stern.

- The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted with some corrections.
- The draft of the recommended proposal to Town Meeting for changing the Standing Committee was reviewed. Several changes were discussed: re-do how the 1 and 2 year initial terms were divided among the appointing authorities; use the phrase “Town Goals” in the first paragraph, instead of “Articles of Our Common Purpose”; review the Town Goals “at least every two years” rather than every year. Juli will forward these changes to Doug Heim for the final draft.
- The Board of Selectmen will consider the proposal on March 23. Juli will make the presentation. The proposal calls for the reorganization to go into effect on July 1, 2015.
- The SC should plan meetings that focus on oversight, review of Town Goals and strategic thinking. These will be the meetings that include the Advisory Board. Juli recommends that a separate committee or task group be recruited to work on the survey, so not all the work must be done by SC members. The Chair will continue to prepare the budget and the annual report.
- Establishing the new Standing Committee: We should develop suggestions for the authorities who will appoint the nine voting members: where to look for potential candidates and what qualifications to look for. Joey suggested calling the current task group chairs to get their ideas and ask whether they are interested in appointment. A nominating committee could be used; recommended members are: Moderator, Planning Director, Superintendent, Town Manager, and Juli. The positions should be publically advertised.
- Juli suggested that the meetings with the Advisory Board include reports from task group summarizing their initiatives and how task group activities are fulfilling Town goals.
- To keep the SC in touch with the task groups, the TG chairs could be asked to e-mail a brief report to the SC chair before each SC meeting, listing any major accomplishments or plans, and these could be sent out to the SC and advisory board as an appendix to the agenda.
- Budget: Juli presented the financial report for FY 2015 (nearly \$900 remaining) and a draft budget for FY 2016 totaling \$2051, to be refined. Voted to amend the \$400 allocated for the Diversity event in February to \$320 (\$220 for Town Hall rental and \$100 speaker fee).