Agenda 9.22.25 SGC

Swanzey Governance Committee
Meeting Agenda for Wednesday, October 1st, 2025
3:00 – 5:00 pm, Whitcomb Hall

I. Call to order

Approve meeting notes of 9.3.25

II. Vote to accept new members, Ben Tilton and Bruce Tatro.

III. Presentation by Steven Bittel explanation of CIPC, Capitol Improvement

IV. Old Business - Town Meeting

1. Second posting has been made, thanks to Cathy. We need, as a committee to be sharing this. How can we make this happen?

2. Who has strong writing skills that would be able to create an article for the town newsletter? (One person creates a draft, another edits). Then we as a committee can approve it. This is a priority.
   a. Second request to Danny Mitchell has been made. We should have two people ready to speak.
   b. Pick date for mock town meeting and confirm use of Whitcomb Hall. We should get this into the newsletter (We do want this to be taped). What topics specifically do we want to present? What situations do we want to come up? Should we have a sub group to plan this?
   c. Circle back to number of Selectboard members we have moving forward. Can we put into our final recommendations a list of criteria used to evaluate the efficacy of the five-member board. Is there a way to measure this? (Do we send out periodic questionnaires)?
   d. Can we write tonight the next few posts (split into two groups to brainstorm, then come together and choose content). Remember to keep it light and fun.
   e. Is there anything we should NOT concern ourselves with?

VI. Other Business

1. Any other new business?

VII. Next Meeting Time(s):

Next meeting will be Monday, October 6th at 5:30 PM

IV. Adjournment

Mandate: Our task is to gather information, and explore the pros and cons of different forms of town governance in addition to the possible return of a town meeting format. Should we determine a recommended plan we need to find a way to meet with and hear from the town residents as well as submit a proposal to the Select Board and the town by late November for eventual inclusion on the 2026 Warrant. This is subject to change based on the Selectboards charge.