Agenda 8.21.25 SGC

Swanzey Governance Committee
Meeting Agenda for August 21, 2025
6:00 pm, Whitcomb Hall

I. Selectboard/Town Administrator present charge

Introductions – Committee Members

A. Names for those of us who do not know each other, Town committee roles/service
B. Explanation of expectation of courtesy and respect
C. Lots of expertise. Let's consider all possibilities and be thorough and creative.

II. New Business

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.

A. Committee Organization
1. Elect a vice-Chair
2. Create a meeting schedule.
   Should we meet as a group, or have meetings as break out committees as determined and then meet as a group monthly?
3. Email communications - verify members emails and phone numbers.
   Would we like google Docs for communication of information?
4. Our meetings are open to the Public, and the Public may attend, however we do not need to open the floor to comments unless we choose to do so. (Some level of public input may be helpful).
5. Right to Know - Member to member communication. Quorum
   We may not conduct committee business via email.
6. Non-public sessions
   a. We should first determine what our focus should be creating a specific set of choices
7. Is there anything we should NOT concern ourselves with?

B. Other basic questions?

III. Other Business

I will be giving you copies of articles of interest.

IV. Next Meeting Time(s):

V. Adjournment