

Electronic Voting Committee Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2019

6:00 PM
Baker Conference Room, Town Hall

Present: Susan Galvin, Kathleen Ryan Lavery, Robert Mallett, Frank Schroth
Absent: John Michael Shields

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Frank Schroth at 6:04 PM

Chair, Frank Schroth introduced newly appointed member Kathleen Lavery and welcomed her to the committee. Mr. Schroth summarized the work of the committee noting the committee had decided at our last meeting to start committee work when a full committee was in place.

Mr. Mallett moved to vote Susan Galvin as the secretary for the committee. Mr. Schroth seconded the motion and the committee voted unanimously on Ms. Galvin being the secretary.

Mr. Schroth moved to approve minutes from the January 16, 2019 meeting. Mr. Mallett noted a “t” in his last name was omitted which was noted and corrected. Mr. Mallett seconded the motion with correction. Mr. Schroth, Mr. Mallett and Ms. Galvin voted to accept minutes with correction. Ms. Lavery abstained.

Mr. Schroth distributed a “Draft-Survey for Town Moderators, Clerks, etc”, which will be used by committee members when they have discussions with other towns.

Timelines, goals and framework for moving forward are as follows:

Mr. Mallett will contact the four vendors (Merida, Option Technologies, Qwizdom and Turning Technologies) and ask for cost models for both leasing and purchasing, and a summary of what services each company will provide.

Ms. Galvin will contact a fellow Town Clerk from one of the towns known to operate under a Representative Town Meeting format that is using an electronic voting system at Town Meeting and ask the survey questions.

Mr. Schroth, Ms. Lavery and Mr. Shields will contact the towns listed below and ask the survey questions:

- Belmont- Frank Schroth
- Brookline John Shields
- Natick Kathleen Lavery

Chair. Schroth discussed the possibility of creating a website for the committee which would provide Town Meeting Members and residents information about our committee. He also

suggested a survey would be a great tool for our committee to gather information from Town Meeting Members and residents on their thoughts and concerns regarding electronic voting at Town Meeting. Members agreed this would be a valuable tool for the committee. Mr. Schroth will work on both and report back to the committee.

Members discussed attending the Arlington Town Meeting on April 23, 2019 to observe electronic voting. Mr. Schroth, Ms. Galvin and Ms. Lavery expressed interest in attending. Chair Schroth will contact Arlington Town Moderator, John Leone to request permission.

Members discussed inviting Town Moderator, Robert Hiss to their April 24th meeting. - Chair Schroth will contact Mr. Hiss.

Members also discussed inviting the following individuals to future meetings:

- Robert Pattison, Information Technology-School Department
- Brian Walsh, former Town Moderator
- John Flynn, Town Counsel
- Michael Dennehy, Town Administrator

Chair Schroth will notify Mr. Walsh, Mr. Flynn and Mr. Dennehy on intent. Mr. Mallett will contact Mr. Pattison.

The committee will meet next on April 17 and again on April 24.

Meeting adjourned 7:05pm.

Submitted by: Susan M. Galvin, Secretary