TOWN GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE CHARGE

Purpose is to review the efficacy of the town's current organizational structure, including the form of government and by-laws and provide recommendations to the Select Board. The committee shall:

- Study the town's form of government and governance
- Examine models of government in comparable communities
- Identify strengths and weaknesses in Natick's current government, and recommend any amendments to the charter, bylaws, and governing practices so as to improve the town's form of government and governance
- Facilitate public engagement on, and the public's discussion of the committee's work.

Quarterly updates shall be provided to the Select Board throughout the work of the committee to ensure an iterative process with the community.

An interim report shall be submitted to the Select Board within 6 months from the organization of the committee.

A final report of the committee's findings and any recommended amendments to the charter, bylaws and governing practices will be due to the Select Board by the end of the calendar year (2022).

Committee will consist of nine members at large appointed by the Select Board.

The committee shall have professional support including but not limited to a municipal government consultant, to advise and support its work.

Upon submittal of the final report to the Select Board the committee shall be considered discharged.