

ORGANIZATION: IMPROVING GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE**Agenda 27-July-2026****MEETING****PUBLIC HEARING** (Please circle appropriately)**Date:** Monday 27 July 2026**TIME:** 3:30 PM**LOCATION:** Town Hall meeting room, hybrid**PURPOSE:** Strategic plan, Mission and goals, schedule AMENDED**REQUESTED BY:** John Christensen, chair

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Housekeeping

1. Adopt minutes Jul 13, 2026, meeting 6 min.
2. Set next meeting date

Mission and strategy: Weigh and discuss the following
36 min

3. Mission Statement
4. Landscape
 - Risks that the town faces
 - The greatest hazards
 - What do the Admins think?
5. Pros and Cons of AI
6. New source material: Business Continuity Management; James Crask
7. Set up a reasonable calendar

Old Business

8. Election of Officers 4 min

Subjects not anticipated by the Chair.
 min

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Improving Governance Task Force

Time: Jul 27, 2026 03:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Back-burner

[NO PRIORITY ORDER]

bb1. Importance of stake holder interests—we need to consult with assistants, members and chairmen to learn their thoughts, ideas and incorporate that into our process and any suggestions we make. *What does this look like in practice? How do we put it into motion?*

bb2. Term Limits-pros and cons

bb3. Practice of committee members abstaining from votes citing “conflict of interest,” but participating in debate and discussion; and abstaining when not needed.

bb4. What are the processes to make changes?

❓ We need to review existing town/committee by laws and find out where the holes are.

❓ The Handbook has to spell out how to manage committee functions.

❓ Who to go to with problems?; what is the process?; Are hearings involved?; Who adjudicates?

bb5. Need a process to “on-board” committee chairs and members. How committees should function or how to improve committee function? How to get rid of problem members? *In GWT*

bb6. Are all current boards and committees necessary?

bb7. Is there an expectation and/or mechanism to regularly report committee deliberations to their appointing boards? Importance? How to institute? How often—quarterly?

bb8. Complexity of committee and chairman training component of task force work

bb9. Investigate training options—Mass Municipal Association and others

bb10. Importance of comprehensive complete contact list of committee members—how to get names and contacts and who/where should it reside?

bb11. Conflict of Interest

bb13. Need for contact data base for all volunteers (see #10 above)

bb14. Regular customer satisfaction surveys

bb15. Audit function is important, self audit, outside audit

bb16. Necessary policies

1. Term limits

2. Recruiting

Bb17 Initial training and orientation