

DRAFTING COMMITTEE FOR TOWN MANAGER LEGISLATION

has scheduled an

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING

To Receive comments on its latest draft from Public Officials and Residents

**AT CORDAVILLE HALL (SENIOR CENTER)
MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 7:00 PM**

The Draft Legislation Committee (DCTML) proposes:

- To **increase Board of Selectmen to Five Elected Members** and to shift BoS responsibilities towards policy directives and guidelines and away from day to day operations.
- To **hire a Town Manger** (Chief Operations Officer) who reports to the Board of Selectmen and executes town policies set by the Board of Selectmen and manages the \$46 Million town budget
- To **improve the structure of government** to eliminate redundancy and improve efficiency and accountability

The Drafting committee members got involved in writing this special act because we want our town that generates \$46M to be managed by a full time professional manager. Currently, we rely on 3 volunteer part-time Board of Selectmen to oversee the management of Southborough, create fiscal budgets and oversee the daily operations of our town departments. We know a town manager will improve the way the town makes daily decisions, negotiates personnel and health care expenses and coordinates with the school committee to create a unified set of goals and objectives for every employee to aspire to achieve. We also advocate to increase the BoS to 5 to increase diversity of opinions, to alleviate the burden created by the Open Meetings laws on the current 3 BoS and to broaden our community representation. With a Town Manager in place the BoS will be able to focus their time on strategy and policy, leaving day-to-day management to an accountable professional. We want every voting member of Southborough to understand the importance of this special legislation and to educate themselves for when their vote counts at Town Meeting.

All neighboring towns have moved to a town manager form of government and have increased BoS to five people. We have taken the best from our neighboring towns in writing this, please come and learn more about it on Monday, January 30th.

Where can I find more Information?

The prepared draft will be available January 24th at the Town House, the Library and on the DCTML web site: **www.southboroughdctml.weebly.com**

Comments will be received at the open meeting or may be sent to the DCTML web site or to the attention of DCTML at the Town House located at 17 Common St.

The Draft Legislation will be included as a warrant article for the Annual Town Meeting to be held April 9th.

