

2018 TOWN GOVERNANCE STUDY COMMITTEE: QUESTIONS FOR PUBLIC FEEDBACK	
1	<p>Are you familiar with the 4 recommendations of the Town Governance Study Committee Final Report issued in October 2013?</p> <p>If yes, how?</p>
2	<p>The 1st recommendation was to create an “empowered Town Administrator” — a trained, experienced professional at the center of Town business who could represent the Town (e.g., managing personnel, negotiating contracts) and implement policies & priorities of the Selectboard. This was implemented in 2014.</p> <p>Do you think this was a positive development for the Town? Why or why not?</p>
3	<p>Since implementation, do you have suggestions based on your experience — or the experience of your [operation, board, committee, department] — with the Town Administrator position? [With the Selectboard?]</p>
4	<p>On what priorities or issues should the Town Administrator be focused?</p>
5	<p>In what ways can the Town Administrator better assist you or your [operation, department, board, committee]?</p>
6	<p>In what ways do you want the Town Administrator to be accessible to you or your [operation, department, board, committee]? Examples: time of day, day of week, meetings.</p>
7	<p>The 2nd recommendation was to change the positions of Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, and Assessors Clerk from elected to appointed by the Selectboard.</p> <p>The Treasurer & Tax Collector positions were combined into one position appointed by the Selectboard. Do you think this position should be appointed by the Selectboard? Why or why not?</p> <p>The Town Clerk is still an elected position. Do you think this position should be appointed by the Selectboard? Why or why not?</p> <p>The Assessors Clerk is appointed by the Board of Assessors. Do you think this position should be appointed by the Selectboard? Why or why not?</p>
8	<p>Other than zoning by-laws, Northfield has 12 pages of written legal rules: mostly about dogs, noise, driving, snow removal, and the right to farm. The 3rd recommendation was to compile a set of general government by-laws from which a policy handbook could be created. A policy handbook is useful for establishing operating procedures, resolving problem situations, and orienting new Selectboard and other town government members.</p> <p>Do you think this recommendation should be implemented? Why or why not?</p>
9	<p>The 4th recommendation was to consider increasing the size of the Selectboard from 3 to 5 members at a future date. Do you think this should be implemented? Why or why not?</p>
10	<p>What is one thing you would like improved or changed in our town government?</p>
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