

# Saugus Charter Commission

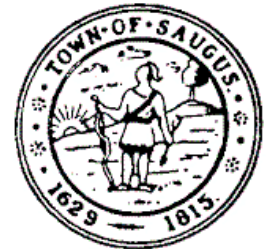
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Step 3: Develop Possible Solutions

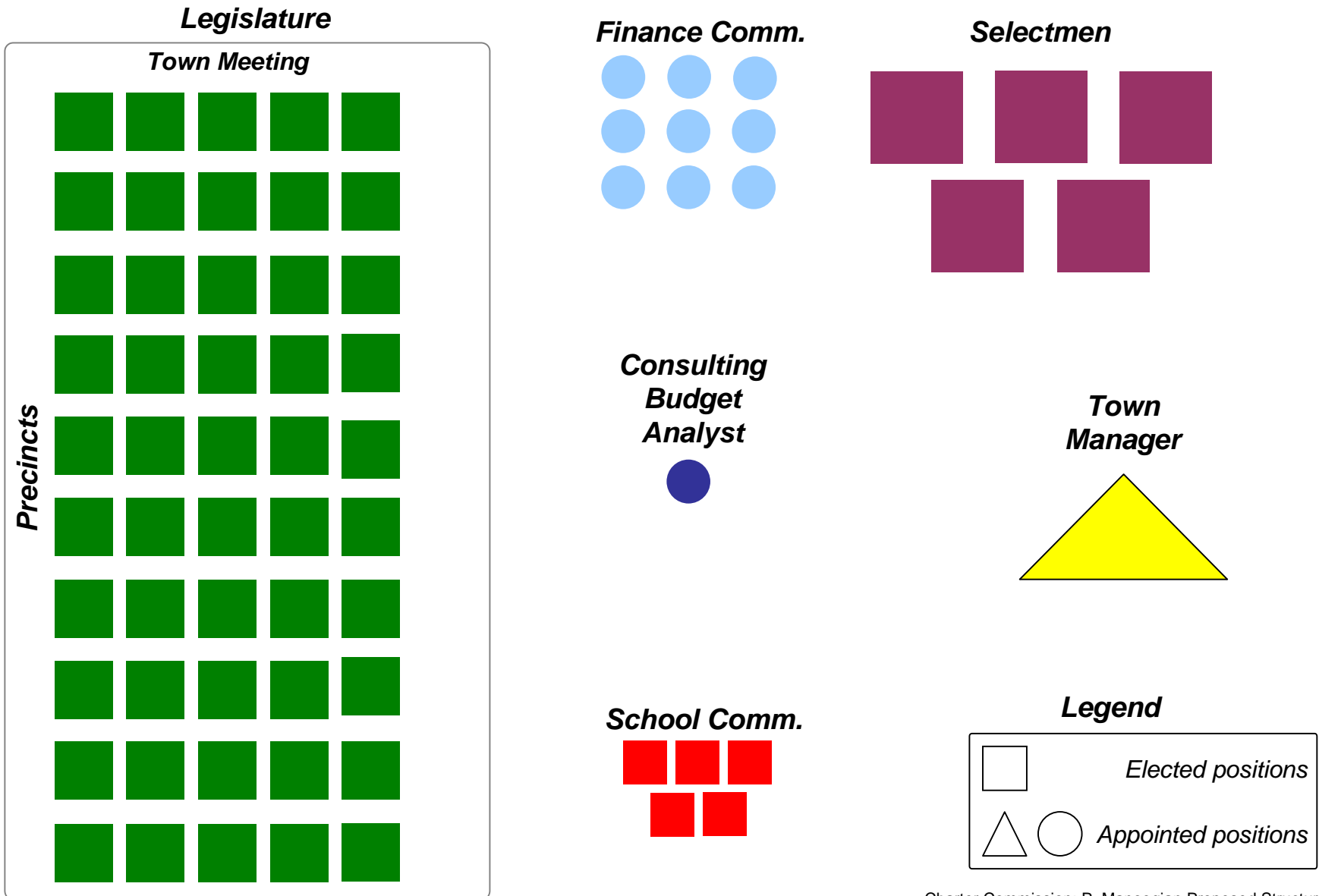
## Slightly Modified Current Structure Proposal

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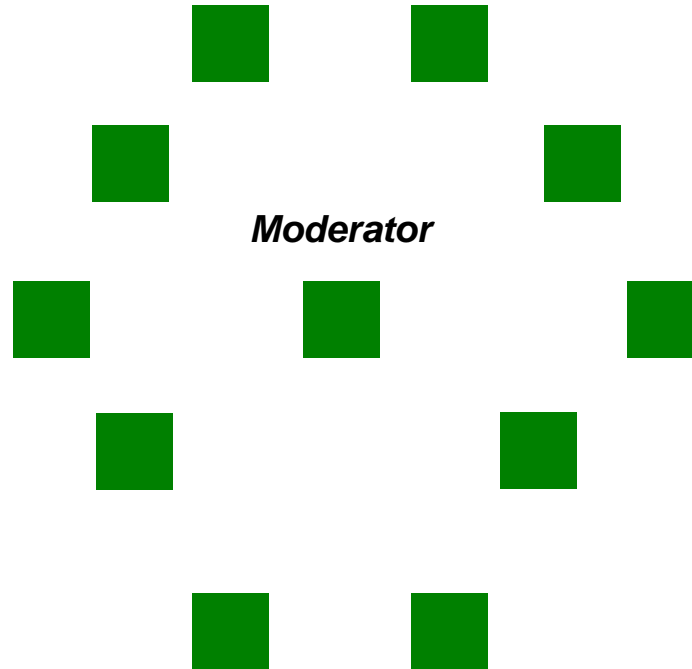


The slight change model provides a budget analyst to the fin com as well as a subset of selected town meeting members to meet outside of specified town meetings.



A subset of ten town meeting members selected by their peers will meet with the moderator outside of specified town meeting process

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**This will allow this group to take timely and appropriate actions without having to call the TM into session**

Most positions will serve a three year term.

### ***Elected Positions***

<b>Position</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Elected by</b>	<b># Sigs. required</b>	<b>Term Length</b>
Town Meeting	50 (10/precinct)	Precinct voters	10	3 years (staggered)
School Committee	5	At-large	50	3 years (staggered)
Selectmen	5	At-Large	50	3 years (staggered)

### ***Appointed Positions***

<b>Position</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Appointed by (by whom)</b>	<b>Term Length</b>
Steering Committee	10	Precinct Caucus	1 year
Finance Committee	9	Moderator	3 years (staggered)
Moderator	1	Peers	3 years
Budget Analyst	1	Fin Com	TBD
Town Manager	1	Selectmen	3 years

The proposed structure retains current institutions yet provides opportunity to act between town meetings and more financial oversight by fin com

### ***Current***

- 50 member representative Town Meeting elected for concurrent two year terms
- 5 member Board of Selectmen who do not have stated policy authority
- Town Meeting approves budget and then goes out of session
  - Town Manager procures audit function
- 5 member School Committee detached from town-wide budget and policy process



### ***Proposed***

- 50 member Town Meeting elected for staggered three year terms
  - A subset selected by precinct caucus to form a 10 member Steering Committee with delegated powers
- 5 member Board of Selectmen who would have stated policy authority and responsibilities.
- Fin Com will have its own Budget Analyst who assists them as needed.
- 5 member School Committee more integrated into the budget development process.

**The above list is not exhaustive, additional details will be provided**