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February 14, 1935

Hon. Sanger M. Cook  
Representative to the Legislature  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Sir:

You have requested of this office an answer to a letter addressed to you by E. N. Vickery under date of February 11. The question is as follows:

"If possible I would consider it wise for the committee of twenty-five to go ahead and make all plans to shift over to the Town Manager Government on the Dexter trial basis without holding a Special Town Meeting before the regular meeting in March. If this can be done what special articles should be inserted in regular warrant and what particular points should be given special attention at regular meeting?"

In order to change over to the town manager form of government as it is in effect in Dexter, it will be necessary simply to insert in the town warrant an article to see whether or not the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to appoint an agent under Section 1 of Chapter 5 of the Revised Statutes, the agent to bear the appellation of Town Manager. The article should also be to see what duties will be imposed upon the Town Manager. Of course not all of the duties of the Selectment can be transferred to the Town Manager, and I am inclined to believe it would be best to talk with Mr. Furbush the Town Manager at Dexter, before passing a vote in town meeting. He will be in a position to inform you just what powers it is best to give to the Town Manager.

Of course, if you are desirous of having more than 3 Selectment, it will be necessary for you to call a special town meeting since you are under the Australian ballot system.

Most cordially yours,

Attorney General

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