

## **Charter Committee Minutes**

**September 20, 2023**

**Members Present:** Morgan Dawicki, Lilia Cabral-Bernard , Cathy Melanson , Brendalee Smith, Marybeth Vargas

**Absent:** Bob Grindrod

**Others Present:** Fairhaven TV , TA Angie Lopes Ellison

Meeting called to order by Morgan Dawicki at 6:31 PM

Pledge of allegiance: No flag in room

**Roll call of committee members:** Cathy Melanson, Marybeth Vargas, Morgan Dawicki, Lilia Cabral-Brenard and Brendalee Smith. Five members present

### **Approval of minutes**

Approval of 8/16/23 minutes. Motion to approve Lilia , seconded by Brendalee. Roll call for approval. Unanimous 5-0

**Public Comment:** None

### **Discussion/Action**

1. Update work group work on charter. Lilia, Brendalee and Cathy: review of 6,7,8  
Lilia has completed draft of School committee Article 7. Need to continue to work on Articles 6 and 8. First draft didn't align with index. Morgan feels we need to have a path moving forward. Lilia discussed her process for working on articles.  
Town administrator spoke with Town Council who would like to meet with group. She can help with Special Acts that Charter will override and vice versa. Feels we should invite town council to our meeting.  
Will get articles finished for council to look at. Article 6: Brendalee , Morgan and Cathy  
Article 8: Marybeth and Bob
2. Update on committee vacancies. Was posted no interested parties
3. Time line: 2 weeks will meet again

**Next meeting:** Tentatively set for 2 weeks to line up with availability of Town Council and members. Will also keep October 18<sup>th</sup> date

### **Action Items:**

1. Morgan to connect with Town Council for availability then email members.
2. Article 6: Morgan, Brendalee and Cathy  
Article 8: Bob and Marybeth

**Motion to adjourn**

Motion made to adjourn by Cathy seconded by Morgan. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm

Marybeth Vargas

Recording Secretary for Charter Committee