

CHARTER COMMITTEE MINUTES

July 1 , 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Lillia Cabral-Bernard, Marybeth Vargas , Morgan Dawicki , Robert Grindrod

BrendaLee Smith

Others Present: Fairhaven TV , 2 people in room

The meeting was called to order by Morgan Dawicki at 6:39PM.

Pledge allegiance

Roll call of committee members :Ms. Cabral-Bernard, Ms. Vargas , Mr. Dawicki , Mr. Grindrod, Ms. Smith

Approval of minutes: A motion to approve the minutes from May 22, 2024 was made by Bob seconded by Lillia , approved unanimously by roll call vote

Public Comment : None

Discussion/Actions:

1. Selectboard meeting July 15th: getting on agenda for Selectboard comments on TA Act for board. Morgan notes last meeting plan was to send inquiry to board members individually. Town Clerk has said this violates open meeting law. Discussion on this topic by group. Plan is to provide Board with copy of Executive Board portion in Charter which includes TA Act unchanged. Morgan will plan to attend the meeting. Looking for feedback from Board on what works/doesn't work with TA Act. Looking for a turn around time to get response back from them.
2. Discussed need to do at least a 30-day public comment once draft is published to website. Discussion on topic continues. BrendaLee mentions most people don't even remember about the charter ; we need to put out draft to help them think about it. Would be easier to make adjustments after they have something to look at.

PUBLIC COMMENT : from audience member in room. Would like to know when it is appropriate to submit recommendations to the Charter members . Discussion regarding comment. Committee feels it would be best for person to look at draft then submit comments/recommendations

Next Meeting: Tentatively August 5th , Monday 6:30

Items / Questions: Question about timeline for the Selectboard to respond after July meeting. Discussion on topic. Decided to give them 15 days which would bring it to the end of week of July 29th . This would allow committee to meet and discuss this.

Action Items:

1. Morgan to add Bobs notes into draft
2. Morgan to follow up on Districting Committee with Mark Sylvia.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Lilia , seconded by Bob . Roll call vote .Motion to adjourn approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM

Marybeth Vargas

Recording Secretary to Charter Committee