

Charter Committee Minutes

August 5 , 2024

Members Present: Morgan Dawicki, Lilia Cabral-Bernard , Robert Grindrod, Marybeth Vargas

Absent: Brendalee Smith, Cathy Melanson

Others Present: Fairhaven TV , members in audience

Meeting called to order by Morgan Dawicki at 6:30 PM

Roll call of committee members: Morgan Dawicki, Lilia Cabral-Brenard , Robert Grindrod and Marybeth Vargas

Approval of minutes

Morgan notes on Agenda date incorrect should have said approval 7/1/24 not 6/27/24 minutes

Approval of July 1 minutes. Motion to approve Lilia , seconded by Robert . Roll call for approval. Unanimous

Public Comment: No one online, people in room, no comments

Discussion/Action

1. Review proposed changes to draft Group agrees to review Charter edits each section at a time only reviewing where comments are made. Discussion of Page 4 under General powers edits to be made on sections b ,d and g.
Section 2-2 edit to sections E) list of boards under jurisdiction of selectboard: discussion by group, adding language to list including but not limited to. G) regarding personnel board which was abolished , question whether selectboard should have some control with this not just TA. I) Removal/appointing of department heads. Other towns have different language which includes the Selectboard and adding in 15-day approval/denial. Discussion by group members with Bob suggesting adding with prior approval of Selectboard J) K) L) suggestion with the prior approval of Selectboard. Discussion on edits. M) question on specific timeline, fiscal year starts July 1. Insert to add financial justification. Discussion regarding this O) and P) adding fiancé committee also P adding forth section. Q) adding expenditure T) Adding direction and guidance of Selectboard. Discussion x) prior approval Y) Question adding qualifications, discussion with group.
Article #3: Elected officers: question whether School Committee and Planning Board notified of our recommendations for changes numbers to uneven number. As committee had discussed this. Morgan will send email to committees so we can get their feedback.
Page 9: Planning Board length of terms: there would be a transitional period if there are currently 8 and we approve 7. Same with School Committee
Page 13: Section 2 two and seven tenth percent (2.7%)
Page 15: missing Section 6

Page 17: Warrants: circulation 21 days. Question of Alyssa if town has Facebook Twitter/Instagram. Town does have Facebook/Instagram: can include Town social media in postings

Page 19: Finances B) add prior approval

Morgan received email from Town Clerk regarding districting board. Listed under Page 12. This may be where Section 6 is. Heather TC may have moved it , Morgan to check.

May want to include info on Board of Registrars. Morgan will add in language regarding committee to clarify committee make up, terms etc.

All committee members good to accept changes to draft and to send to TC

2. Selectboard Meeting agenda : August 19th . Discussion whether to send proposed changes or original draft. Discussion with group.

Morgan to send accepted comments to group on document.

3. Fall Town Meeting: concerns that there are hefty items on agenda and we won't get on Warrant. Discussion regarding this among group members.

Next Meeting: Monday August 26th, 6:30

New Business:

Input from guest regarding timelines, public view of document. How will public respond back? Question does Charter Committee have a mailbox. Generate some type of form that is on website.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Email School Committee and Planning Board recommendation of changes in board numbers.
2. Need to draft some Executive Summary for the public to be reminded of what Charter is
3. Accept changes and approve draft to send to Selectboard
4. Inquire with Town Clerk about some type of form on website

Motion to adjourn

Motion made to adjourn by Bob , seconded by Lilia . Roll call vote to adjourn unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Marybeth Vargas

Secretary for Charter Committee