

CHARTER COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 15 , 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lilia Cabral-Bernard, Robert Grindrod, Cathy Melanson, Marybeth Vargas, Morgan Dawicki

Members Absent: Brenda lee Smith

Others present: Fairhaven TV , Mr.Brady

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Morgan. Roll call of committee members.

Approval of minutes: Motion to approve minutes from 12/11/24 made by Lilia seconded by Cathy. Approved unanimously 5-0 by roll call vote

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

DISCUSSION/ ACTION

1. Review of latest draft of Charter. Committee to review all areas that changes were made.
Section 8: General powers Discussion by group.
Section I : Will add supermajority
Section J : Discussion by group . Morgan to check with TC
Section L: Discussion regarding 180 days
Section M: Regarding vacant positions. Cathy states Planning Board fills vacancies with board and selectboard not TA. Discussion with members and what other boards do. Need to find out what other boards do.
(Pg6) TA Section: E Discussion regarding daily operation of committees, boards, commissions.
Change including Fire Department
Section I: Discussion appoint , support, remove Department Heads
Section K: Departmental Structures
(Pg 8) Section Z: Need to check with TC
2. Feed back regarding School Committee/Planning Board numbers. Planning Board wants to stay at 8 members. Letter from Planning Board. They have procedural mechanism for tie vote They need super majority . Don't want to change due to recent change in term lengths of members to comply with law. Discussion by group.
3. Review Executive Summary

Action Items:

1. Morgan to make adjustments to draft Charter and forward to TC
2. Morgan to revise draft Executive Summary based on feedback
3. Committee to plan public outreach meetings for March
4. Feedback from Brenda Lee regarding School Committee members even number
5. Invite TC to next meeting to discuss comments

Next Meeting: To be determined after TC reviews Draft Charter

Questions/Comments: Audience member thanking Committee for their hard work. Asking when is deadline is to get on Warrant.

Adjournment : Motion to adjourn by Lilia, seconded by Cathy. Approved by roll call vote unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Marybeth Vargas
Recording Secretary to Charter Committee