

## Charter Committee Minutes

March 3 , 2025

**Members Present:** Morgan Dawicki, Bob Grindrod, Cathy Melanson , Brenda Lee Smith , Lilia Cabral-Bernard , Marybeth Vargas

**Others Present:** Fairhaven TV , Mr. Brady, Heather White TC , Jessica Fidalgo

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

**Roll call of committee members:** Morgan Dawicki, Bob Grindrod, Cathy Melanson , BrendaLee Smith, Lilia Cabral-Bernard, Marybeth Vargas

### Public Comment:

None

### Discussion/Action:

Committee agrees to change order of agenda to allow people at end to speak first

1 . Wayne Hayward : would like committee to look at term for Planning Board that was recently changed. Points out 1/2 of board will be up for reelection in three years. TC consulted and gives a couple of options . Agrees as is it will present problems. Discussion among group. Cathy Melanson (who is on Planning Board) states this has been discussed and Planning Board would prefer the 4-year term as previous.

2. Jessica Fidalgo: Would like committee to consider if trainings for Town should be in Charter. Group discussing this and best way to implement this. Group feels this should be bylaw or presented to Selectboard to establish a committee. Trainings are continually changing and probably would not be best served in Charter. Committee decided not to take action and refer to Selectboard.

3. Review draft with TC Heather White:

Section H: General powers of Selectboard recommend 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote. Discussion by group

Section I : Discipline/remove TA . Discussion by group.

Section L: appointment to fill vacancy. Discussion by group.

### Section II

Paragraph D- comma omitted.

Section I) 15 days- discussion by group.

Section M) due annually no later than 12/31 to be added

Section P) 5-year capital improvement ; no problem

Section Y) delegation of authority

Section CC) TA entering/signing contracts. TC feels wording may be potential problem with TA doing duties. Discussion among group. TC feels some questions can be addressed under surplus property disposal. Continued discussion on topic.

Section 6 : Missing. Was removed discussion of Town Moderator. Moved under elected officials.

Section 5-3: Capital plan tense of language

Section 7-5: (c) New paragraphs Heather to work on it.

**Concerns/Questions/Comments:**

Town Clerk- draft of Charter when should it be completed by. Aim for deadline or on website. Draft form

**New Business:** None

Next meeting: Wednesday 3/19/25

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Motion to adjourn by Bob seconded by Cathy. Roll call vote unanimous. Meeting adjourned by Margan at 8:39 PM

Marybeth Vargas

Secretary Charter Committee