

Charter Committee Minutes

April 8 , 2025

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

Absent: Brenda Lee Smith

Others Present: Fairhaven TV , Mr. Brady

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

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

Public Comment: None

Discussion/Action

1 . Preparation for upcoming public meetings on Charter scheduled for Thursday April 10 and Tuesday April 15, both at 630PM :

Discussion included logistics, using Lilia's power point , use of easels and foam board and distribution of materials.

Reviewed plans for presenting Charter, and managing public input.

Discussion on digital distribution of materials to reduce cost factors , need for sign in sheet and what should be on it.

Discussion regarding posting an end date to meeting . Decided 630-830 PM. If needed members can stay later.

Discussion regarding sending email to Town Meeting members with info on meetings and link to working draft.

Discussion regarding not needing forum for public meeting but will need to take minutes. Cathy also states meeting should be left open until the end of the second public meeting then closed.

2. Website navigation:

Discussion regarding some problems on website and difficulty navigating it. Also working Charter is difficult to locate. Proposed to add more boxes to website to make it easier to navigate. Also titles incorrect for Mark Sylvia and Morgan Dawicki.

3. Discussion regarding the process of getting Charter approved. First Town meeting needs to approve , if approved will be sent to Legislature for review and approval and when completed will go to Town wide vote for approval.

New Business/Other:

1. Cathy mentions there are new questions about the composition of numbers on the board and term. Suggested to put on next agenda and to have those with questions to submit them. Suggested to speak again with board as there are new members after town vote.
2. Lilia also would like to emphasize the importance of considering all suggestions but committee not obligated to make all requested changes.

Next meeting:

Wednesday April 16 at 630 PM. Will discuss public hearing results and will have Heather TC present to answer legal questions.

Action Items

1. Morgans to see Town Clerk regarding emails to Town meeting members
2. Lilia to do sign in chart and make large print copy of Charter , will also add to her power point the process of how Charter gets approved
3. Morgan to see about updating website for easier access to working Charter and adding ending times to public meeting

Comments:

1. Mr. Brady would like to know if video will be presented at Town Meeting. Morgan working with Fairhaven TV to generate video.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by Lilia seconded by Cathy. Roll call vote unanimous. Meeting adjourned by Morgan at 7:27 PM

Marybeth Vargas

Secretary Charter Committee