

Charter Committee Minutes

4/15/25

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

Meeting called to order by Morgan Dawicki at 631 PM

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

Public Hearing for Charter Committee

1. Opening remarks from Morgan discussing the working draft of the Town of Fairhaven Charter
2. Powerpoint presentation from Lilia Cabral-Bernard

Public Comment

Mark Sullivan Precinct 4

1. Emailed to Town Moderator but didn't get response back
2. Provided handout to group with his suggestions

Mark Badwey Precinct 1

1. Would like to be able to see side by side of original TA act and changes that our group made. Feels it would be easier to see changes.

Doug Brady Precinct 4

1. Sent copy of all changes to our group. Went over all changes and why he would like group to consider them.

Ann Richard Precinct 2

1. Page 17 question about being able to change the quorum from precinct meeting prior to town meeting
2. Saw number was changed for odd number for School Committee but wondering why Planning Board not changed to odd number. Feels it should be consistent for Town and not for current board that's in place. Thinks it should be odd number.
3. Question about Capital planning. Feels committee not accessible. Vague with who is voting/non-voting members. Wonders if make up of group could be changed.

Andrew Ramano Precinct 6

1. feels it would be beneficial to get copy of Charter to Town Meeting Members ASAP
2. Feels Planning Board should be 9 members for three years. Thinks odd numbers better

Jessica Fildago Precinct 1

1. Questions about page 24 Section c
2. For Planning board, she prefers larger number (9) and 3-year term

Morgan called for motion to close public meeting . Lilia seconded.

Next meeting tomorrow April 16 at 6:30 pm

Action Items

1. Cathy to get number of members for each precinct
2. Marybeth to print out questions from public hearing for group to have at tomorrow's meeting

Cathy made motion to adjourn, Lilia seconded.

Meeting adjourned by Morgan at 8:30 PM

Marybeth Vargas

Secretary Charter Committee