

Charter Committee Minutes

April 16 , 2025

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

Others Present: Fairhaven TV , Doug Brady

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

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

Public Comment: None

Discussion/Action

1 . Discussion of Public Hearing : Copy of questions / comments provided in document for review.

- Can Charter be amended at Town Meeting: answer yes
- Planning Board : question regarding 8 members/ 4-year term. Multiple questions on this issue. Committee has decided after review to change go odd number, 9 and to stay with 3 hear term
- Quorum for Town precinct meetings: Multiple questions on this. Committee after discussion and review of comments have decided to change to quorum must be 1/3 of elected members
- Periodic review : suggest 1st review after 3 years. After review and discussion , committee has decided to change to the 3 years. Also decide to do 7 town residents , excluding town employees or Selectboard and to be appointed by Town moderator.
- Question of checks and balances . committee feels we have tried to meet that goal.
- Question of people serving on multiple boards. Feel that can be included in recommendations comments.
- Page 6 ix; leave as is
- Page 6x: leave as is
- Page 6 Section 2-2: leave as is
- Page 7: Section i : leave as is
- Page 7 Section K ; add infrastructure
- Page 8 N: add and finance committee
- Page 9: question appointing authority if someone resigns, Will check with TC.

- Page 10 signing of contracts for TA , whether should limit dollar amount. Will refer to TC
- Page12 Section C : Keep language
- Page 23/24 own paragraph shall provide documents within 48 hours , late documents up to board to accept /decline
- Page21 Capital planning: leave as is

3 separate Comment sheets: after discussion feel they could be added as recommendations or to comments we received

- Town Clerk recommendation for set up of ballot .Separate lines for write in that indicate term lengths. May solve tie problems
- Side by side of TA Act for people to refer to

2. Review of draft script: Discussion by group Goal to have everything ready by next meeting to email out next week

Comments: Question on how many Town meeting members have email to email Charter to. Will we need to mail to some?

Action items;

1. Morgan to get changes/ questions to Heather. Schedule her to be at next meeting
2. Will check with Town clerk regarding emails
3. Side by side TA ACT

Next meeting Wednesday April 23 at 630

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by Cathy , seconded by Lilia

Roll call unanimous to adjourn

Meeting to adjourned by Morgan at 8:26 PM

Marybeth Vargas

Secretary Charter Committee