

Charter Committee Minutes

April 23 , 2025

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

Others Present: Fairhaven TV

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

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

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes

- 1 . Approve minutes April 8. Motion to approve by Cathy , seconded by Lilia. Roll call vote unanimous.
2. . Approve minutes April 10 and 15 Public Hearings. Motion to approve by Cathy , seconded by Lilia. Roll call vote unanimous.
3. . Approve minutes April 16. Motion to approve by Cathy , seconded by Lilia. Roll call vote unanimous.
4. Minutes not available for March 19. Will put on next agenda.

Discussion/Action

1. Discuss Charter revisions :

- Page 5: No changes
- Page 7: Section K: remove infrastructure
- Page 8 : no changes
- Page 9: change to \$50 or \$ 75 ,000. Except if covered by general laws
- Page 10: Change Planning Board numbers to 9 people 3 years
- Page 11 : correct Board of Health to 3 years
- Page 16: Ballot section for votes
- Page 17: Quorum , 1/3 of elected members
- Page 18 : Sentence redundant removed
- Page 19 : section 4-4 Finance Committee move to Article V Finance Committee
- Page 22: revised
- Page 24: change review to 3 years
- Page 25 Section D Documents in advance

- Page 27: Planning Board Change election time frame

Questions/Comments:

Action items

1. Cathy to review Planning Board election timeline
2. Morgan to get onto site by weekend
3. Morgan to have Town Clerk send out link for Charter

Next meeting

Next meeting Tuesday April 29 at 630 PM

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by Cathy , seconded by Lilia

Roll call unanimous to adjourn.

Motion to reopen by Cathy , seconded by Lilia (as someone joined meeting and has question)

Commet from Elenor Chew if Town Meeting members need to print out copy , why not mailed.

Response by Morgan about eliminating confusion of multiple documents, Final Draft completed today. Will be sent out via email to Town Meeting members.

Ms. Chew concerned about not sending printed copies to all. How about if no email.

Discussion , suggested to make available at Warrant preview April 30.

Motion to adjourn by Cathy seconded by Lilia. Roll call vote unanimous to adjourn

Meeting to adjourned by Morgan at 7:02 PM

Marybeth Vargas

Secretary Charter Committee