

**CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE - MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2022**

Meeting conducted via Virtual -WebEx – recorded and available for reviewing at the following link:
<http://trurotv.truro-ma.gov/CablecastPublicSite/show/5491?channel=1>

A quorum of committee members present:

Nancy Medoff - Chair, Robert Panessiti – Vice Chair, Michael Cohen, Chris Lucy, Raphael Richter, Meg Royka.

Chair Medoff called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM and invited the public to call in and provided the necessary information to do so.

Public Comment Period – took place at the beginning of the meeting. No activity took place.

Agenda Item – Approval of minutes from the Charter Review Committee meeting from Thursday, July 21, 2022

Chair Medoff asked if there were any amendments to the minutes. Having none, a roll-call vote was taken to approve the minutes as written.

Agenda Item – Action & Continued Discussion to Section 6-4-2 and Citizen's Petition for the Board of Health change from appointed to elected:

- Chair Medoff welcomed Tracey Rose, BOH Chair and asked Tracey to share information on the BOH. Daily duties, their charge, the makeup of the Board, obstacles, learning curve. Etc.
- Q & A session followed with members of the Board and the BOH Chair.
- BOH Chair Rose does not support a charter change from appointed to elected.
- Bob Panessiti led a discussion around the framework being used by the CRC for considering elected and appointed offices from the Edward J. Collins Jr. Center for Public Management at UMASS Boston. The town did not hire ECCPM for his presentation.
- Sixty minute discussion among the Board on the merits of elected versus appointed for The Board of Health
- Brian Boyle expressed concern regarding water quality and an appointed Board.
- Chair Medoff suggested a follow up to Brian Boyle's concern regarding the town water quality long term, with the Water Resource Oversight Committee currently disbanded, perhaps approaching the Select Board to reinstate that Committee.
- Chair Medoff asked each Board Member to share their thoughts and indicate if any more information is needed for a vote.
- Bob Panessiti made a motion that the BOH should remain appointed versus elected. A roll-call vote was taken to approve the motion. Chair Medoff, Chris Lucy, Michael Cohen, Raphael Richter, Meg Royka all voted in favor, and Brian Boyle abstained.

Public Comment

- One town resident provided an opinion regarding the principles of democracy and the desire for more elected individuals for committees and boards versus appointed.

Agenda Item – Further discussion and brainstorm regarding public education with the Truro Charter and town government process, procedures and the charge for the Charter Review Committee

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- Michael Cohen will forward the data he researched to Chair Medoff, who will then disburse to the CRC. 1. Massachusetts' Citizens Guide to Town Meetings. 2. A property tax video comparing Lawrence, MA & Arlington, MA.
- Bob Panessiti offered to research and provide the CRC with information from the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) for additional data regarding this agenda item.
- Bob Panessiti recommended an additional public hearing with the Select Board to hear from the public and roll in the education component and offer a Q & A.
- Chris Lucy suggested ninety days before Town Meeting, the Select Board could explain to the Truro residents how to submit Warrant Articles.
- Chair Medoff suggested the CRC Select Board liaison for input in our next CRC meeting.

Agenda Item – New Business

- Chris Lucy suggested that 4-2-11 (Annual Public Meeting stating Goals and Objectives) be incorporated with the Planning Board.
- Michael Cohen suggested adapting this article for all Boards and Committees.

Agenda Item – Other Reports of Members

- Chair Medoff – suggested the CRC discuss the next citizen petition – ZBA elected versus appointed at next month's meeting. She will bring most recent opinion from Town Attorney to this discussion.
- Bob Panessiti – suggested getting the Cemetery Commission Chairwoman to join the discussion regarding their needs when this discussion takes place.

Agenda Item – Next Meeting Dates

- Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 4:15pm approved unanimously
- Thursday, October 20, 2022, at 4:15pm approved unanimously
- Thursday, November 17, 2022, at 4:15pm approved unanimously
- Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 4:15pm – date held only, not unanimous approval

Bob Panessiti made a motion to adjourn the public meeting. Vice-Chair Medoff seconded and all approved on a roll call. The public hearing adjourned at 6:19 PM EDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Cohen

