

Charter Review Committee Minutes

April 19, 2021, at 4pm

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A quorum of committee members was present: Robert Panessiti, Brian Boyle, Nancy Medoff, Bill Golden. Cheryl Best and Chris Lucy were absent. Gary Palmer is no longer a member of the Committee due to prolong absences.

The meeting was started at 4pm, Chair Panessiti invited the public to call in and gave the necessary information to do so.

Public Comment

No Public Comment

1. Agenda Item-Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Nancy Medoff to approve the minutes, seconded by Brian Boyle, the minutes were approved without correction, unanimously 3-0-1.

2. Software Update and discussion of review of appointed vs. elected boards

There was discussion around alternative software vs. Survey Monkey if it was not available due to licensing expiration.

Brian agreed to see if Google forms would be a functional option. The Chair was working with the town administration to see if we could engage Survey Monkey.

3. Charter Change Recommendations

There will be no Charter change recommendations at ATM

Anticipated recommendations for ATM '22:

- Excused absences at the discretion of the committee chair
- Increase of 10 to 30 signatures for charter changes and Warrant Articles
- Possible language around removing appointees for disruptive behavior
- Appointment of board and committee vacancies from 45 to 60 days by the Select Board

4. Pre-Town Meeting and Public Hearing

Chair Panessiti outline what to expect at the Pre-Town Meeting

The Chair asked the Committee members how they felt about citizens participating in the survey should the question arise. It was suggested that the survey been posted on the town website and individuals if they choose can participate. We would be most interested in former members of committees being reviewed and would add a headline that the survey is intended for current or former members of the committee being reviewed.

The Chair reminded the Committee that his role is to represent the work of the Committee at the Pre-Town Meeting and he would simply explain the work of the

Committee over the past year and recommendations that may be forth coming in FY '22.

The Chair suggested that the Committee consider holding an annual meeting with the Select Board to review the governance structure of the town.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40pm, a motion was made by Brian Boyle and seconded by Nancy Medoff.

Submitted by,

R. M. Paul 8/2/21

