

Charter Review Committee Minutes

July 23, 2021 at 4 PM

Virtual-WebEx - recorded and available for viewing at the following link: <http://trurotv.truro-ma.gov/CablecastPublicSite/show/5026?channel=1>

A quorum of committee members was present: Robert Panessiti, Brian Boyle, Nancy Medoff, Chris Lucy, Meg Royka, and Cheryl Best. Bill Golden was absent (excused for medical reasons)
Also present was Mr. Weinstein, Select Board Chair and one member of the public

Meeting was started at 4:00PM. Chair Panessiti invited the public to call in and gave the necessary information to do so.

Public Comment:

- No public comment

1. Agenda Item – Welcome New Member, Meg Royka

- Chair Panessiti introduced and welcomed Ms. Royka as a member rejoining the committee.

2. Agenda Item – Approval of Minutes from April 19th meeting and June 3rd Annual Open Meeting

- A motion was made by Mr. Boyle to approve the 4/19 minutes, seconded by Ms. Medoff; The 3 members who were present at the 4/19 meeting approved the minutes.
- A motion was made by Mr. Boyle to approve 6/3 minutes. Ms. Best seconded and all approved.

3. Agenda Item – Election of Officers

- Ms. Best nominated Brian Boyle as Chair and Mr. Panessiti suggested Nancy Medoff as vice Chair and asked Ms. Best to remain clerk for another year. Brian Boyle moved the slate as listed above. Mr. Lucy seconded the slate. All voted in favor.
- Mr. Panessiti offered to chair the remainder of the current meeting.

4. Agenda Item – Update on Survey Monkey and Committees/Boards for Review

- Mr. Panessiti shared that the town renewed its license with Survey Monkey so we would be able to use the survey in its current format.
- There was a discussion regarding how to send it out and to whom.
 1. Action item - It was decided that Chair Boyle will first reach out to the three Committee Chairs (Planning Board, Cemetery Committee, and Zoning Board of Appeals) and then Ms. Medoff will send out the survey to their membership.
- Ms. Best asked if we should include the Board of Health, based on the vote at Town Meeting to postpone the BOH related article pending CRC's survey of that Board. Mr. Panessiti said we could add the Board of Health to our next round of surveys.
- There was a discussion about engaging the public in the survey. Ms. Best and Ms. Medoff felt it was not appropriate and it was determined not to survey the public at this time.
- Ms. Medoff suggested a goal of 65% return rate with reminders and a due date of August 30 for survey returns.

5. Agenda Item – Areas of the Charter we are Reviewing for 2022 ATM

- Mr. Panessiti summarized the areas that will be recommended for amendments:
 1. Addition of excused absences
 2. Increase from 10 to 30 signatures for petitioned articles
 3. New language to be written for the removal of appointed board members
 4. Increase from 45 to 60 days of non-appointment before a board can appoint their own members, pending Select Board approval
- Chair Boyle asked Mr. Weinstein if he had anything to add and he stated he would rather wait for the CRC's recommendations

6. Agenda Item - 2021 ATM Discussion

- There was a discussion related to a reduction of the number needed for a quorum – no consensus was reached.
- There was a discussion related to the adding of lead petitioner(s) to the form for petitioned articles.
 1. Action item – Chair Boyle stated he would look at the form and draft a revised version that included a designation for lead petitioner(s).
 2. Action item – Chair Boyle will add an agenda item to the next CRC meeting to discuss final language of recommendations for the petition form.

Next meeting planned for September 13, 2021 at 4:00PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45PM

Respectfully Submitted



Cheryl Best

September 13, 2021