

Charter Review Committee Meeting Minutes May 26, 2022

Virtual-WebEx - recorded and available for viewing at the following link:

A quorum of committee members was present: Brian Boyle, Nancy Medoff, Cheryl Best, Chris Lucy, Bill Golden, Robert Panessiti, and Meg Royka.

Neither public nor Select Board members were present.

[Correction to April 27, 2022 meeting minute attendees: Ms. Margaret Royka was present but not listed as such in the meeting attendance list.]

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

1. Agenda Item –Approval of minutes from April 27, 2022

- Chair Boyle asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Being none, the minutes from April 27, 2022 were unanimously approved.

2. Agenda Item – Scheduling Public Hearing for input to FY23 calendar

- The CRC public hearing was scheduled to take place as part of the next Charter Review Committee meeting. It will be held on June 23, 2022 at 4:15PM with a break for a public hearing at 5:00PM.
- Agenda items for the public hearing were discussed with the following items mentioned as valuable possibilities:
 - A status update on what we are doing
 - Items the public would like to be reviewed in the Town Charter
 - Input from the public on the Board of Health
- **Action Item:** Chair Boyle will develop an agenda for the meeting and the public hearing

3. Agenda Item –Elect vs. Appoint Project – Board of Health

- There was a discussion of possible components to incorporate in the study including:
 - Contacting petitioners and inviting them to a CRC meeting in July
 - Inviting Board of Health members to a CRC meeting in July
 - Developing questions CRC members may have and how to get them answered so we are all on the same page. Questions raised included:
 - How the BOH is handling work they took over from the WRC
 - Members who resigned recently and why that happened
 - The official charge for the BOH
 - How the BOH enforces regulations
 - Mr. Panessiti answered some of the questions raised.
 - Sending out the study survey again to members of the BOH
 - **Action Item:** Chair Boyle will contact the BOH Chair and Ms. Medoff will subsequently send out the survey to the members.

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- **Action Items:** Ms. Best will speak to the Town Clerk to get a copy of the 2021 petition, which asked to make the BOH elected, so we can contact petitioners. She will also ask for the official BOH charge and distribute it to the committee members.
- There was a discussion of how the BOH is organized
 - 5 members
 - 3 year term
 - How they work with the Health Agent
 - It was suggested that The Health Agent, Emily Bebbe, be invited to a CRC meeting to get her input.
 - Title 5 Regulations guiding their work

4. Agenda Item – Other Reports from Members

- Chair Boyle discussed his conversation with Michael Dutton, the Chair of the Massachusetts Municipal Association, Form of Government Committee.
 - His summary of their conversation was added to the CRC draft Planning Board report on the website. (Appendix P of draft report, which can be found at https://www.truro-ma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhliif3936/f/uploads/crc_report_2022-05-25.pdf)
- Ms. Medoff asked about the ZBA and if we could get a final opinion on whether it must be appointed or can be elected.
 - **Action Item:** Ms. Best will circulate the Town Council opinion on the topic of committees that can be elected or appointed.
- Mr. Panessiti cautioned about the importance of sourcing data, and shared the unusual case of Tisbury's Planning Board as an example of a multimember body that is both elected and appointed.

5. Agenda Item –Next meeting dates

- **Next meeting planned for June 23, 2022 at 4:15PM, with public hearing scheduled to being at 5:00PM**

Mr. Panessiti made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Best seconded and all approved on a roll call vote. The meeting was adjourned at 5:08PM

Respectfully Submitted



Cheryl Best

