

## **CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE - MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES - TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2023**

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

A quorum of committee members was present:

Nancy Medoff - Chair, Robert Panesitti - Vice Chair, Michael Cohen, Brian Boyle, Chris Lucy, and Raphael Richter

Chair Medoff called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and invited the public to call in and provided the necessary information to do so.

Public Comment Period - this took place at the beginning of the meeting. No public comment took place.

*Note: The formal approval of the previous meeting minutes from the Charter Review Committee meeting on Thursday, December 15, 2022, did not occur because a meeting did not happen because of a lack of a quorum.*

### **Agenda Item - Charter, Chapter 5, Section 4-2 citizen request to state that in the case of the Library Director, a future appointment shall be made in consultation with the Board of Library Trustees**

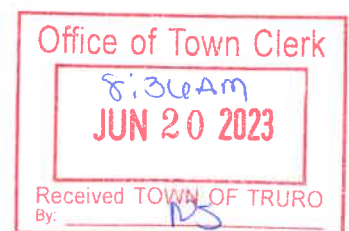
- Guests Martha Magane, Chair Truro Board of Library Trustees, and Kaitlin Mae Blehm, Truro Board of Library Trustees Member, by CRC Chair Medoff, joined for twenty minutes and discussed their request to insert language into the Charter that the Library Trustees can participate in the hiring process of a new Library Director.
- The CRC will take a look at Chair Magane's request as part of 2023 business for the 2024 Town Meeting.

### **Agenda Item - Continued discussion of charter change section 6-4-2 Appointed Multimember Bodies - Cemetery Commission & Truro Housing Authority**

After a spirited conversation among the CRC members, the CRC determined that a Charter change in section 6-4-2 regarding the Cemetery Commission will not be added to future agendas. There was a motion back in February 2022 to leave it as is.

### **Agenda Item - Continued discussion on Planning Board & Truro Housing Authority, three versus a five-year term.**

- The CRC discussed in length that a learning curve exists with all boards and committees, and there are better practices than singling out one.
- The CRC has determined that a three-year term is ideal for the Truro Housing Authority.
- A motion by CRC Vice-Chair Bob Panesitti passed unanimously with (6) FOR votes to recommend a three-year term for the Truro Housing Authority to the Select Board, provided it is feasible under Massachusetts General Law. This motion passed with Chair Medoff, Vice-Chair Panesitti, Michael Cohen, Brian Boyle, and Chris Lucy and Raphael Richter voting FOR. No CRC member voted No or Abstained.



- In keeping with the CRC narrative that a learning curve exists in all boards and committees, a motion by Bob Panesitti for a recommendation to the Select Board for a three-year term for the Planning Board passed unanimously with (6) FOR votes to recommend a three-year term to the Planning Board. This motion passed with Chair Medoff, Vice-Chair Panesitti, Michael Cohen, Brian Boyle, and Chris Lucy and Raphael Richter voting FOR. No CRC member voted No or Abstained.
- **Agenda Item - Continued discussion on future consideration Charter Section 4-2-11 - Planning Board Goals & Objectives**
- Chair Anne Greenbaum of the Truro Planning Board joined the meeting and determined the concept by Chris Lucy of regulatory boards declaring their priorities for the year and publishing them is very appealing. In addition, they then do a status update toward the end of the year is also very attractive. It may get boards talking more. It is also a great recruitment tool.
- Chris Lucy made a motion that the CRC recommend to the Select Board that they put into regulation committee charges a requirement including priorities at some point during the year. It would be at the discretion of the Select Board. Conducting a public hearing or meeting would be decided by the Select Board.
- This motion passed with (5) FOR Votes by Chair Medoff, Vice-Chair Panesitti, Michael Cohen, Brian Boyle, and Chris Lucy voting FOR, and Raphael Richter (1) Abstained votes.
- Chris Lucy made a motion for a recommendation insertion in Charter 6-3-2 that the Planning Board shall conduct a meeting of its goals and objectives in its coming fiscal year annually and revisit its accomplishments at the end of the year.
- Framework for Year One: Priorities are determined only. After year one, and subsequently, in the future, its goals and objectives, coupled with a review of the previous year, will be conducted in just one meeting. The meeting will be on the town website.
- This motion passed with (5) FOR Votes by Chair Medoff, Vice-Chair Panesitti, Michael Cohen, Brian Boyle, and Chris Lucy, and Raphael Richter (1) Abstained votes.

**Agenda Item - Timeline for recommendations to Select Board for Warrant Articles.**

- Nothing pending.

**Agenda Item - Next meeting dates:**

- **March 2, 2023, at 5 pm**
- **March 30, 2023, at 5 pm**

