

**CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE - MEETING MINUTES –
Thursday, May 18, 2023, at 5 pm EDT**

Meeting conducted via Virtual-WebEx - recorded and available for review at the following link:
<http://trurotv.truro-ma.gov/CablecastPublicsite/show/5808?channel=1>

A quorum of committee members was present:

Nancy Medoff - Chair, Robert Panesitti - Vice Chair, Michael Cohen, Raphael Richter, Brian Boyle, Fred Fehlau. 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. Chris Lucy did not attend.

Public Comment Period – there was no public comment.

Agenda Item – Approval of previous meeting minutes

- A motion by Vice-Chair Bob Panesitti to approve the meeting minutes for January 31, 2023, March 28, 2023, and April 12, 2023. A roll call was taken with Chair Medoff, Vice Chair Panessiti, Michael Cohen, Brian Boyle, and Raphael Richter voting yes. Fred Fehlau voted yes to April 12, 2023, but abstained on January 31, 2023, and March 12, 2023. Within this particular agenda item, Fred Fehlau raised a question regarding the Library Director process and its impact at Town Meeting. Madam Chair Medoff thoroughly explained how and why it unfolded the way it did at the Town Meeting.

Agenda Item – Welcome New Select Board Liaison

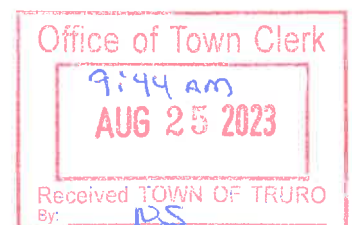
- Select Board Member Sue Areson is our new SB liaison. She offered to participate and help the CRC in any capacity.

Agenda Item – Process for updated Charter document dissemination

- Chair Medoff provided a detailed overview of updating the Town of Truro's Charter based on the information she had available during this meeting. Vice Chair Panessiti, former CRC Chair Brian Boyle, and Select Board liaison Sue Areson explained further.
- The CRC proposed adopting a transition period incorporating a draft copy of the updated Charter until the Massachusetts Attorney General approves it. Essentially, the CRC would be looking for two things: (1) The town to produce a new Charter based on the ballot approvals that just occurred on May 9, 2023 (2) A draft form of the Charter to represent what had been approved at Town Meeting which will be on the ballot a year from now. Two iterations would be available. Chair Medoff will confirm if this is possible within the CRC charge.
- Select Board member Areson indicated that publishing a draft Charter may confuse town residents.

Agenda Item – Planning for Charter Review Committee priorities for the remainder of 2023

- Fellow members of the CRC explained to fellow CRC member Fehlau that the modernization of the language in the Charter was completed.
- Collectively, the CRC agrees to research the ability to move the Town Meeting date from the last Tuesday in April.



- Select Board member Areson reaffirmed the importance of the CRC providing research and reporting back to the SB, which is critical before a town meeting, and that although essential, it should not be limited strictly to a Citizens Petition.

Agenda item – Next meeting dates

The next CRC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 22, 2023

Michael Cohen made a motion to adjourn the public meeting. Vice Chair Panessiti seconded, and all approved on a roll call. Accordingly, the public meeting adjourned at 5:51 pm EDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Cohen

