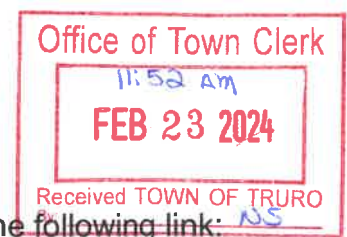


CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
January 18, 2024 at 5:00 pm EST



Meeting conducted via Virtual-WebEx - recorded and available for review at the following link: <http://trurotv.truro-ma.gov/CablecastPublicSite/show/6046?channel=1>

A quorum of committee members was present:

Nancy Medoff - Chair, Bob Panessiti - Vice Chair, Michael Cohen, Chris Lucy, Fred Fehlau, Brian Boyle and Dave Bannard, Select Board liaison, Sue Areson.

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

- New Charter Review Committee member, Dave Bannard, was introduced by Chair Medoff. Dave provided the CRC a brief background off himself.

Public Comment Period

- Chair Medoff opened the meeting for public comment. No public comment took place.

Agenda Item – Approval of prior meeting minutes

- A motion was made, and the November 15, 2023, meeting minutes were approved with Dave Bannard abstaining.

Agenda Item – Update and continued discussion on section 2-3-3

- Per Chair Medoff, this item was discussed and resolved at the previous CRC meeting.

Agenda Item – Finalize discussion regarding a standing building committee

- With some of the buildings in Truro that are 25-30 years old, remodeling will be coming up. As a result, some CRC members expressed that this should be a standing committee.
- From a historical perspective, the Building Committee was formed in 1994. Approximately sometime in 2015, a pause took place with the Building Committee. This should be easy to reinstate because it is not new, nor is it looking to make any changes.
- Chair Medoff reaffirmed that this was not in the CRC Charge. However, the CRC Select Board Liasion, Sue Arreson said, she was going to bring it to the attention of the Select Board at their next meeting on Tuesday, February 13, 2024.
- Until we get an update from our Select Board Liasion, the CRC will not add to discussions.
- Chair Medoff asked Sue Areson if she can find out why was the standing building committee is not active.

Agenda item – Discussion on 2-1-2 The Annual Town Meeting shall be held in each year on the last Tuesday in April

Chair Medoff has heard from members of the community requesting a change to the language on 2-1-2. She spoke to the Town Moderator who is pulling together a team of staff, elected and appointed officials, and members of the public to explore possible changes to the Town Charter related to Annual and Special Town Meetings. The past year has highlighted issues that deserve attention and changes to the Charter might allow for increased flexibility, local control and support a Town Meeting process that is more responsive, efficient and effective.

- Chair Medoff suggested the CRC continue to encourage feedback from the public and work within the group being formed.

- Sue Areson added that the Select Board has requested a Governors Bill that would allow the town to move the meeting out of town. It is a special act, and if it is signed, it would remain in place indefinitely. As a result, Sue Areson explained that it ***would not need to have to be included in the charter.***

Agenda Item – Update on Charter on town website along with modernization of format and access to past versions/evolution of the changes.

- Chair Medoff shared that we are in a holding pattern until the new software is procured and implemented. Fred explained that some prework can be completed if he can get all the copies of the charters. He can be working while they are procuring and implementing the software.

Charter Review Committee Annual Report

- A motion was made and passed to empower Chair Medoff to draft and submit the CRC annual report to the Town.

Agenda Item – Agreement on next meeting date

- Chair Medoff recommended Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 5:00pm, and Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 5pm.

Michael Cohen made a motion to adjourn the public meeting. Chris Lucy seconded, and the CRC members approved on a roll call. Accordingly, the public meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Cohen

