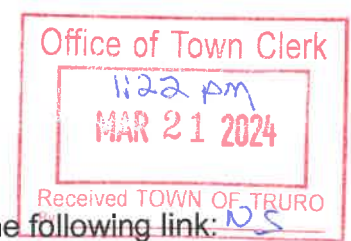


CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES –
Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at 5:30 pm EDT



Meeting conducted via Virtual-WebEx - recorded and available for review at the following link: <http://trurotv.truro-ma.gov/CablecastPublicSite/show/5928?channel=1>

A quorum of committee members was present:

Nancy Medoff - Chair, Michael Cohen, Chris Lucy, and Fred Fehlau joined at the start, and Brian Boyle joined approximately 31 minutes into the meeting. Chair Medoff called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm, invited the public to call in, and provided the necessary information.

Public Comment Period

- Chair Medoff opened the beginning of the meeting for public comment. Truro resident Clint Kershaw joined and asked the CRC to help with Section 2-3-3 in the Charter.
- When a citizen puts together a petition, sufficient guidance must be provided.
- When Citizens create a petition, they need help with clarity, guidance, and a timeline before obtaining signatures.
- The CRC may discuss a policy supplement to 2-3-3, and Mr. Kershaw's request will be added to a future CRC meeting.

Agenda Item – Charter Review Committee page on town website – items and additions

- Chair Medoff shared with the CRC that she met with the Assistant Town Manager to keep a commentary of when the Charter changed and kept a timeline of the old and new text.
- Chair Medoff tasked Fred Fehlau with the Assistant Town Manager to develop the ability to modernize the Charter on the town website. To see what is possible, and we may be able to discuss it at the next meeting.

Agenda Item – Open Charter Review Committee position

- Raphael Richter has resigned as a Charter Review Committee member. As a result, it leaves a vacant position on the CRC.
- Chair Medoff encouraged residents to apply as the position has been posted on the town website.

Agenda item – Continued discussion on Charter language section 6-2-12

- Chair Medoff led the discussion, and the final language is as follows:
'Multimember bodies and its members shall not give direction to town employees except through the Town Manager or their designee.'

Agenda Item – Charter language section 4-5-2

- The CRC wants consistency in this section that corresponds with the revised language in 6-2-12. As a result, a thorough discussion took place, and it garnered the following language:
'Except for the purposes of investigation in accordance with section 4-4-1 of this Charter, The Select Board shall not give direction to town employees except through the Town Manager or their designee. An exception is the Administrative Secretary, who reports both to the Town Manager and the Select Board.'
- A CRC motion to change the Charter language as noted in 6-2-12 and 4-5-2, and bring it to the Select Board for review. Fred Fehlau made the motion and Chris Lucy seconded it. A roll call was taken, and Chair Medoff, Michael Cohen, Fred Fehlau, Chris Lucy, Brian Boyle all said yes for five 'yes' and no 'no' votes. Vice Chair Panesetti was not present and, therefore did not vote.

Agenda Item – Discussion regarding standing building committee

- This agenda item was led by Chris Lucy, who gave an overview of the history of the standing building committee. As it stands now, there is no standing building committee.
- Significant maintenance projects and some new projects are on the table, and the need for a standing building committee was discussed amongst the CRC members.
- Chair Medoff summarized the CRC position to suggest that the Building Committee be reinstated as a standing committee instead of ad hoc.
- The CRC needs to define larger building and maintenance projects.
- CRC members will research this further to report back on this matter.
- Chair Medoff suggested including the CRC Select Board liaison in this matter.

Agenda Item – Election of Officers

- Michael Cohen motioned to keep Nancy Medoff as Chair, Bob Panesitti as Vice Chair, and Michael Cohen as Clerk. Brian Boyle seconded it. A roll call was taken, and it was five unanimous 'yes' votes by Nancy Medoff, Michael Cohen, Brian Boyle, Fred Fehlau, and Chris Lucy, and no 'no' votes. Bob Panesitti was not present to vote.

Agenda Item – Agreement on next meeting date

- Chair Medoff will email a calendar doodle to the CRC for its November 2023 meeting.

Michael Cohen made a motion to adjourn the public meeting. Chris Lucy seconded, and CRC members approved on a roll call. Accordingly, the public meeting adjourned at 6:33 pm EDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Cohen

