

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE - MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, August 24, 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/5922?channel=1>

A quorum of committee members was present:

Nancy Medoff - Chair, Robert Panesitti - Vice Chair, Brian Boyle, Michael Cohen, Chris Lucy, and Fred Fehlau. Raphael Richter did not attend. 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. No public comment took place.

Agenda Item – Approval of prior meeting minutes – May 18, 2023, and June 22, 2023

- CRC Member Michael Cohen motioned to approve the May 18, 2023, and June 22, 2023, meeting minutes as submitted. Fred Fehlau seconded, and a roll call was taken.
- Brian Boyle, Fred Fehlau, Michael Cohen, and Bob Panesitti said yes to May 18, 2023 & June 22, 2023.
- Chris Lucy abstained from May 18, 2023, and said yes to June 22, 2023.
- Madam Chair did not vote on May 18, 2023, or June 22, 2023.

Agenda Item – Update on Charter revisions as per 2022/2023 annual Town Meeting

- Chair Medoff sent an email in June 2023 and still has not heard back from town officials regarding 2022 charter revisions.

Agenda Item – Charter language 6-2-12

- The CRC discussed 6-2-12 in the charter and the need for refinement.
- Per Chair Medoff, the CRC discussed the '*shall deal with*' and '*give orders*' language in 6-2-12. An in-depth discussion took place that included some examples by fellow CRC members.
- The goal is to have clear charter language that does not inundate town staff.
- The outcome of this robust discussion generated the text, 'Multimember bodies and members shall not direct town employees except through Town Manager or designee.'

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

- The CRC agreed to add the original 1992 charter to the CRC town website page, and Chair Medoff will make it so.

Agenda Item – Upcoming Government Education Session (no date published as per this posting)

- A confirmed date has not been determined but it may be held in September 2023.

Agenda Item – Next meeting date

- The next CRC meeting is September 27, 2023, at 5:30 pm EDT.

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 6:17 pm EDT.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Cohen

