

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE - MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2022

Meeting conducted via Virtual -WebEx – recorded and available for reviewing at the following link:
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A quorum of committee members present:

Brian Boyle – Chair, Nancy Medoff – Vice-Chair, Robert Panessiti, Chris Lucy, Raphael Richter, Meg Royka.

Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 4:15 PM and invited the public to call in and provided the necessary information to do so.

Public Comment Period – took place at the beginning of the meeting. No activity took place.

New Members Welcomed – Michael Cohen (1-Year Term Appointment expires 06/30/2023)
Raphael Richter (Member Appointment expires 06/30/2025)

Agenda Item – Approval of minutes from the Charter Review Committee meeting from Thursday, June 23, 2022

Chair Boyle asked if there were any amendments to the minutes. Having none, a roll-call vote was taken to approve the minutes as written. Bob Panessiti did not attend the meeting on June 23, 2022 and did not vote on the minutes.

Agenda Item – ATM 2022 Article 36 – Charter Amendment to Section 2-3-3

- The Article regarding 20 petitioners and a lead petitioner according to the previous Select Board meeting was kicked back by the Massachusetts Attorney General in its current form. Discussion around the amendment and adjustments to make the amendment acceptable to the AG.
- Chair Boyle – discussed sending it back to the Massachusetts Attorney General for review after edits and to be bundled with other legal matters at year-end and reviewed by the Select Board.

Agenda Item – Result of Recent Public Hearing

- Chair Boyle explained that two Public Hearings took place in 2022.
 1. Public Hearing # 1 took place on April 27, 2022.
 2. A second public hearing took place on June 23, 2022 to solicit public input on possible areas for consideration for warrant changes for the next year cycle. Committee discussion around the items raised at the June 23, 2022 hearing.
- Mr. Panessiti suggested the Charter Review Committee could educate town residents regarding how a town meeting form of government operates. Vice-Chair Medoff supports the need to educate the public on what role and charge of the Charter Review Committee is.
- Budgeting should be included, along with relevant procedures and protocols.

Agenda Item – Elect vs Appoint Project – Board of Health

- Chair Boyle explained that the BOH elect vs appoint project is a citizens petition to change the Board of Health from appointed to elected. It is a continuing project.
 - Further discussion around Board of Health Elected versus Appointed.
- Chair Boyle explained that surveys were sent to the Board of Health (BOH).

Agenda Item – Election of Officers

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- Raphael Richter made a motion to nominate Nancy Medoff as Chair of the Charter Review Committee for a period of one year. Michael Cohen seconded and all approved on a roll call.
- Raphael Richter made a motion to nominate Bob Panessiti, Vice-Chair of the Charter Review Committee for a period of one year. Chris Lucy seconded and all approved on a roll call.
- Bob Panessiti made a motion to nominate Michael Cohen, Clerk of the Charter Review Committee. Chris Lucy seconded and all approved on a roll call.

Agenda Item – Other Reports of Members

- Bob Panessiti – Cemetery Commission elected versus appointed, further discussion around the merits to elected versus appointed.

Agenda Item – Next Meeting Dates

- Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 4:15pm approved unanimously
- Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 4:15pm approved unanimously

Bob Panessiti made a motion to adjourn the public meeting. Vice-Chair Medoff seconded and all approved on a roll call. The public hearing adjourned at 5:01PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Cohen

