



**TOWN OF MAYNARD
CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE**
195 MAIN STREET
MAYNARD, MASSACHUSETTS 01754

MEMBERS
William Kohlman, Chair
Sally Bubier
Peter Campbell
Brendon Chetwynd
William Cranshaw
Lou Ann Cutaia
Natasha Rivera
Jeffrey Swanberg

Meeting Minutes

Remote Meeting via Zoom

Wednesday, June 28, 2023

Members present: Bill Kohlman (WK), Bill Cranshaw (WC), Sally Bubier (SB), Natasha Rivera (NR), Brendon Chetwynd (BC), Peter Campbell (PC) and Jeff Swanberg (JS)

Members absent: Lou Ann Cutaia (LAC)

This meeting was recorded.

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By Jim Alexander - Asst. Town Clerk at 3:12 pm, Feb 14, 2024

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm. A roll call was made of the attendees.

Recording Secretary: Bill Kohlman volunteered to be the recording secretary for the meeting.

Chair Report: WK explained the reason for the meeting is that the AG's office found that having in the Charter the ability for Town Counsel to rule that citizen's petitions were illegal and then for the Select Board to disqualify them from the warrant conflicts with G.L. c. 39, § 10 that requires citizen petition warrant articles to be placed on a Town Meeting warrant if the statutory requirements are met. Town Counsel could still offer the opinion that the resulting article is illegal but would still be considered at Town Meeting. A concern was raised about how to handle citizen's petition that were illegal. A reference was made to the 2022 Annual Town meeting Article 12 concerning amending Chapter 37 Solid Waste Collections of the By-laws. The Town Report shows that the petitioner, moved to pass over the article, essentially withdrawing it. Is there a procedure in place to deal with illegal petitions and if not, should there be? Or do we just vote on them and if they pass, let the AG's office rule on them. WK said he would forward our concerns to Dick Downey and Greg Johnson.

Minutes of 15 January 2023: WC moves to accept, NR seconded. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Minutes of 21 February 2023: WC commented that he would like to see that the Public Hearing was held as part of the Select Board meeting. WK inserted a statement to that affect in two locations of the meeting. WC moves to accept the amended version, SB seconded. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Review of Attorney Generals requested changes to final proposed Charter for Town Election:

Discussed AG's requested change to the final proposed Charter. PC moved to accept; BC seconded. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Review of Amended Charter Report to include the explanation for the change to the proposed Charter after Town Meeting vote and Attorney Generals Review:

There were no objections within the report. NR moved to accept; SB seconded. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Future Steps: WK said he wasn't sure what future steps are needed. From the information that Town Counsel had provided some months ago, the Town has to send out to all registered voters a copy of the proposed Charter some weeks before the election. WK will check the details and forward the details from Town Counsel.

No further meetings are planned.

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Adjournment

NR made a motion to adjourn, JS seconded. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote, at 7:25 PM.

Documents (attached/shared) for January 25, 2023

20230125 CRC minutes.docx

20230221 CRC minutes.docx

Charter Review Committee Agenda 06-28-2023.docx

Charter Report Amended 28 Jun 2023.docx

Charter_Proposed Changes as of 06-28-23 Final.docx

Charter_Proposed Changes as of 06-28-23 Final Markup.docx

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Date approved:
