

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

Charter Review Committee

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Charter Review Committee Meeting Minutes 1/20/2021

Call to Order at 6:0PM (Meeting is recorded)

Members Present: Ed Ivaldi, Cleonie Mainvielle, Thomas Golden, Darren Boston, Janet Hanson, Scott Pitta, Steve Persell

Members not in attendance:

Guests Present: Carlton Hunt

Roll Call

Approval of Meeting Minutes on 1/6

Thomas Golden motioned to approve the meeting minutes from 1/6/2021, Darren Boston seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comment

Old Business

Charter Review – Article 3

Section 3-3: Recall Provision

Ed Ivaldi reviewed the recall provision within the charter and the revisions provided by member Scott Pitta. Discussion centered around the requirements for a recall and if it should be a percentage of the number of voters or a predetermined number.

Scott Pitta motioned to approve the changes to 3-3b requiring 400 votes, Thomas Golden seconded the motion. With a vote of 5 yeah and 2 nays, the motion was approved.

Scott Pitta motioned to adopt the change in language to 3-3c, Thomas Golden seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Section 3-4: Town Clerk

The committee briefly reviewed the prior meeting's focus and discussion on the consideration of changing the Town Clerk from an elected position to an appointed position before a vote was taken. This included the guest speaker Marilee Hunt's presentation and the public comment and survey results along with opinions from several committee members.

Steven Persell motioned to keep the Town Clerk as an elected position, Thomas Golden seconded the motion. With a vote of 5 yeah and 2 nays, the motion was approved.

New Business

Consider changing all occurrences (90) of "Town Clerk" to "City Clerk"

The committee discussed changing "Town Clerk" to "City Clerk" and all occurrences of "Town" to "City" within the charter. After weighing the pros and cons of both titles, the committee decided to take additional time and individually consider the changes before voting. This will be discussed and concluded at the next scheduled Charter Review Committee meeting.

Public Comment

Carlton Hunt 80 Austin Street - Mr. Hunt commented on the open meeting laws discussed during the meeting.

Next Meeting – Wednesday February 3rd, 2021 at 6PM

Thomas Golden motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05PM, Scott Pitta seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjourn – 8:05PM