

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

Charter Review Committee

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Charter Review Committee Meeting Minutes 2/3/2021

Call to Order at 6:03PM (Meeting is recorded)

Members Present: Ed Ivaldi, Cleonie Mainvielle, Thomas Golden, Darren Boston, Janet Hanson

Members not in attendance: Scott Pitta, Steve Persell

Guests Present: Carlton Hunt, Gina Guasconi

Roll Call

Approval of Meeting Minutes on 1/20

Thomas Golden motioned to approve the meeting minutes from 1/20/2021, Darren Boston seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comment

Carlton Hunt 80 Austin St – Mr. Hunt commented on the Town Manager's position and the Charter's influence on the Town Council and Town Manager.

Old Business

Add Recall Definition

Ed Ivaldi shared a proposed definition for "recall" in the charter.

Thomas Golden motioned to approve the addition of the "Recall" definition, Janet Hanson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Add Language to Article 3.4 for Town Clerk Vacancy

Ed Ivaldi shared with the committee language for a Town Clerk Vacancy to be added to article 3.4.

Darren Boston motioned to accept the Town Clerk Vacancy language to be added to Article 3.4, Thomas Golden seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

The committee resumed discussion and shared their individual arguments for and against the change.

Thomas Golden motioned to change all occurrences of "Town Clerk" to "City Clerk", Cleonie Mainvielle seconded the motion. With a vote of 3 yeah and 2 nays, the motion was approved.

Darren Boston motioned to amend changing all occurrences of "Town Clerk" to "City Clerk", Janet Hanson seconded the motion. with a vote of 2 yea and 3 nays the motion failed.

New Business

Charter Review – Article IV

Section 4-1

Feedback from the survey regarding the Town Council and Town Manager "accountability" was discussed along with changes proposed by Ed Ivaldi and Thomas Golden.

Darren Boston motioned to accept the language proposed lines 5-8 regarding Town Manager and Town Council, Thomas Golden seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Cleonie Mainvielle motioned to change line 10 to state "Municipal Manager or Assistant Municipal Manager", Thomas Golden seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Section 4-2

Darren Boston motioned to accept the language added to line 19, Janet Hanson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Thomas Golden motioned to approve the changes to item 22, Darren Boston seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Cleonie Mainvielle motioned to approve item 25, Janet Hanson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Thomas Golden motioned to approve changes to item 26, Cleonie Mainvielle seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Section 4-6

Janet Hanson motioned to approve changes to Section 4-6 as presented, Thomas Golden seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Section 4-7

Thomas Golden motioned to extend the meeting by 30 minutes, Darren Boston seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Darren Boston motioned to approve the changes in 4-7, Thomas Golden seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Section 4-8

Thomas Golden motioned to add the term "full" to line 29, Janet Hanson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Darren Boston motioned to remove "unless provided otherwise" from line 12, Janet Hanson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comment

Carlton Hunt 80 Austin St – Mr. Hunt commented on the use of "must" in a discussed item.

Next Meeting – Wednesday February 17th, 2021 at 6PM

Thomas Golden motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:17PM, Janet Hanson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjourn – 8:17PM