

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

Charter Review Committee

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Charter Review Committee Meeting Minutes 2/17/2021

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

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

Members not in attendance: Scott Pitta, Steve Persell

Guests Present: Carlton Hunt, Michael Dutton

Roll Call

Approval of Meeting Minutes on 2/3/2021

Thomas Golden motioned to approve the minutes from 2/3/2021, Darren Boston seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5 yea and 1 abstain.

Discussion with Michael Dutton - Town Manager on Article VI

Michael Dutton shared his proposals for Article VI with the committee and answered questions from the committee. These recommendations were from 2017 and included the change to the Finance Committee's quorum requirement.

Public Comment

Carlton Hunt 80 Austin St – Requested the title of the articles be included in the agenda moving forward. Mr. Hunt offered suggestions on the changes for "city" in the charter and also a recommendation on the goals for the Bridgewater Finance Committee.

Old Business

Review Revised Schedule

Ed Ivaldi shared an updated schedule with the committee, on the progress of the charter review. The committee is comfortable with the current schedule and flexible if extensions of meetings are necessary.

Thomas Golden motioned to approve the updated schedule, Steve Persell seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Article IV Follow-ups

Ed Ivaldi had additional changes to Article 4-1 regarding the appointment of the Town Manager. The proposed change is for a maximum 5-year renewable term limit.

Darren Boston motioned to approve the proposed update to 4-1, Thomas Golden seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business

Article V Discussion

5-1

Janet Hanson motioned to approve the change to section 5-1b, Scott Pitta seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

5-3

The recommendation was to delete "manager subject to confirmation by the city council" and to add a maximum 5-year renewable term limit.

Steve Persell motioned to approve the changes to section 5-3a, Darren Boston seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Article VI Discussion

6-1 & 6-2

Discussion was on the language throughout the sections. These changes included the 2017 recommendations.

Scott Pitta motioned to approve the changes to 6-1 and 6-2, Darren Boston seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6-3

Janet Hanson motioned to approve the include 6-3c as presented, Scott Pitta seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6-4

Thomas golden motioned to approve the addition of the word "the" to 6-4a, Steve Persell seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Darren Boston motioned to approve the changes to 6-4d, Thomas Golden seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6-6

Thomas Golden motioned to approve the changes to section 6-6b, Darren Boston seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6-8

Scott Pitta motioned to approve the changes to section 6-8 line 15 and line 25, Steve Persell seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

6-9, 6-10, 6-11

The changes proposed by Cleonie Mainvielle to these sections were primarily grammatical.

Darren Boston motioned to approve the changes to sections 6-9, 6-10, and 6-11, Steve Persell seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comment – No public comment.

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

Thomas Golden motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:33pm, Steve Persell seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjourn – 7:33PM