

# TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

## Charter Review Committee

Ed Ivaldi, Chair  
Cleonie Mainvielle  
Darren Boston  
Steve Persell  
Thomas Golden  
Scott Pitta  
Janet Hanson



Joshua McGraw, Staff Assistant  
E-Mail:  
jmcgraw@bridgewaterma.org

Academy Building - 66 Central Square  
Bridgewater, MA 02324

### Charter Review Committee Meeting Minutes 5/19/2021

**Call to Order:** 6:02 p.m.

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

**Members not in attendance:** Scott Pitta, Steven Persell

**Guests Present:**

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

#### Approval of Meeting Minutes from 5/05/2021

*Thomas Golden motioned to approve the meeting minutes from 5/5/21, Darren Boston seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.*

#### New Business

##### Public Forum Post-Mortem

The committee reviewed the notes and discussions from the three public forums held last week. The committee considered several citizen recommendations on changes to the charter that were offered during the public forums.

*Janet Hanson motioned to change the word "pleasure" in section 2-3a to "will", Cleonie Mainvielle seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.*

*Janet Hanson motioned to remove the words "following the conviction" in paragraph 1 of section 9-7, Darren Boston seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.*

*Cleonie Mainvielle motioned to change all occurrences of "10 business days" to "14 calendar days", Janet Hanson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.*

*Janet Hanson motioned to include the words "and direction" in line item #2 of section 6-8, Darren Boston seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.*

*Janet Hanson motioned to change the word "internal" to "independent" in line item #3 of section 6-8, Cleonie Mainvielle seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.*

*Cleonie Mainvielle motion to change the maximum "5-year renewal term" to "3-year renewal" term for the City Manager in section 4-1, Thomas Golden seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.*

*Cleonie Mainvielle motion to change the maximum "5-year renewal term" to "3-year renewal term" for the City Attorney in section 5-3, Darren Boston seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.*

*Thomas Golden motioned to reduce the signature requirements to 100 signatures for councilor-at-large, and to 50 signatures for district councilor in section 7-3a, Darren Boston seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.*

*Cleonie Mainvielle motioned to add the term "within a reasonable timeframe" to section 2-6c-7, Thomas Golden seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.*

*Darren Boston motioned to add item A to section 9-1, Janet Hanson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.*

***Thomas Golden motioned to extend the meeting to 8:30PM, Janet Hanson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.***

*Darren Boston motioned to add that the city manager will appoint the assistant manager or a department head to act in the City Manager's place during an absence in section 4-7, Janet Hanson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.*

*Thomas Golden motioned to add "The City Council, through ordinances, establish metrics for the enforcement of this charter and penalties for violations of any subpart" to section 9-9, Janet Hanson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.*

**Public Comment:** No public comment.

**Next CRC Meeting – Wednesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 at 6PM**

*Thomas Golden motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:36PM. Darren Boston seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.*

**Adjourn:** 8:36