

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

Charter Review Committee

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



Academy Building - 66 Central Square
Bridgewater, MA 02324

Charter Review Committee Meeting Minutes 6/16/2021

Call to Order: 7:01 p.m.

Members Present: Ed Ivaldi, Thomas Golden, Janet Hanson, Darren Boston, Scott Pitta, Steven Persell

Members not in attendance: Cleonie Mainvielle

Guests Present:

Public Comment: No public comment.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 6/9/2021

Thomas Golden motioned to approve the meeting minutes from 6/9/21 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business

Review and discuss any further charter changes

Thomas Golden motioned to approve the addition of the term "at large" and its definition to the "definitions" section which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Darren Boston motioned to approve the new definition for "charter" in the definitions section which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Thomas Golden motioned to approve adding the term "district" and its definition to the "definitions" section which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Thomas Golden motioned to approve adding the term "executive branch" and its definition to the "definitions" section which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Scott Pitta motioned to approve adding the term "legislative powers" and its definition in the "definition" section which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Thomas Golden motioned to approve the addition of "special act charter" and its definition in the "definition" section which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Thomas Golden motioned to replace all instances of "shall" with "change" in section 1-7 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Scott Pitta motioned to approve the deletion of the line in section 2-1b2 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Janet Hanson motioned to replace "attention" with "improvement" in section 2-3d5 which was duly seconded. With a vote of 5 yea and 1 nay, the motion was approved.

Janet Hanson motioned to replace "indispensably essential" with "absolutely necessary" in section 2-4 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Janet Hanson motioned to approve adding the word "which" in line 21 of section 2-5a which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Thomas Golden motioned to amend the last sentence of section 2-5a which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Thomas Golden motioned to approve adding language to section 2-5c which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Thomas Golden motioned to add a sentence in section 2-6c3 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Thomas Golden motioned to remove line 10 in section 2-6c which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Janet Hanson motioned to approve dropping the word "the same" and replacing with "any proposal" in section 2-6c9 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Janet Hanson motioned to replace "deal" with "communicate" in section 2-6c12 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Thomas Golden motioned to add verbiage to section 2-7a which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Janet Hanson motioned to add two words to section 3-3d which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Janet Hanson motioned to include "manager" in section 4-8 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Thomas Gold motioned to approve the verbiage updates in section 5-1b1 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Thomas Golden motioned to approve the changes in 5-1b3 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Thomas Golden motioned to add the word "laws" to 5-1b5 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Thomas Golden motioned to delete a word in section 5-1b5 which was duly seconded. With a vote of 4 yea and 1 nay the motion was approved.

Janet Hanson motioned to approve replacement of "shall" with "must" in line 34 of section 5-2 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Janet Hanson motioned to approve adding "the legal officer" in section 5-3b which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Thomas Golden motioned to approve the changes to the first paragraph in 7-4 which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Thomas Golden motioned to approve the changes to 8-1a which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Janet Hanson motioned to approve the changes in section 8-1c which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Second round voting

These votes are for the reapproval of prior voted changes to the charter.

Thomas Golden motioned to reverse the decision to conduct a second round of voting on all changes in the charter which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Thomas Golden motioned to conduct the second round of article reviews of articles by having entire articles voted for approval voted on individually which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Thomas Golde motioned to approve a second round of review on charter wide changes which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Thomas Golden motioned to approve a second round of review for all non-article sections of the charter which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Thomas Golden motioned to approve the "table of contents" and the material contained within the "table of contents" to the charter which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Thomas Golden motioned to approve the changes to gender neutral language changes throughout the charter which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Darren Boston motioned to approve the replacement of "town" with "city" throughout the charter which was duly seconded. With a vote of 4 yea and 1 nay, the motion was approved.

Thomas Golden motioned to approve the updating of M.G.L usage for consistency purposes throughout the charter which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Thomas Golden motioned to approve the standardizing of the computation of time throughout the charter which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Thomas Golden motioned to approve the adding of hyperlinks in the charter where applicable which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. With a vote of 3 yea and 2 nays, the motion was approved.

Thomas Golden motioned to approve all grammatical updates throughout the charter which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Darren Boston motioned to change the next meeting from Wednesday, June 23 to Tuesday, June 22 at 6 p.m. which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Next CRC Meeting – Tuesday June 22, 2021, at 6PM

Thomas Golden motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m. which was duly seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjourn: 8:46 p.m.