

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

Charter Review Committee

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Charter Review Committee Meeting Minutes 4/7/2021

Call to Order at 6:01PM (Meeting is recorded)

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

Members not in attendance:

Guests Present:

Roll Call

Approval of Meeting Minutes on 3/31/2021

Thomas Golden motioned to approve the minutes from 3/31/2021, Darren Boston seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comment – No public comment

Old Business

Proposal to improve councilor to constituent communication – Article 2.6c

Cleonie Mainvielle presented a proposal to help improve communication between council members and their constituents. The committee considered including communication requirements, however, decided to leave that out of the charter addition.

Cleonie Mainvielle motioned approve to 2.6c15, Scott Pitta seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Review Recall Provision (Article 3.5) for 35% voter turn-out threshold

Ed Ivaldi reviewed the recall provision with the committee and if a threshold should be included in the provision.

Darren Boston motioned that no threshold be included in the recall provision in 3.5 section E, Thomas Golden seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Proposal to address citizen feedback/follow-up at Council Meetings

Janet Hanson presented her proposal and the committee discussed ways to improve citizen feedback and follow-up at Council Meetings.

Tom motioned to approve changes to 2.6c7, Janet Hanson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Review Decision Matrix for any outstanding recommendations

The committee completed a final review of prior recommendations for the charter from the 2014 CRC, 2017 Rules and Procedures Committee, and Survey/Public Forums.

Thomas Golden motioned to approve section 4.2a11, Steve Persell seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Thomas Golden motioned to not have appointed positions listed in 4.3 of the charter, Steve Persell seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comment – No public comment.

Thomas Golden motioned to move the next meeting to April 28th, Scott Pitta Seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Next Meeting – Wednesday April 28th, 2021 at 6PM

Thomas Golden motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm, Thomas Golden seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjourn – 7:42PM