

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

Charter Review Committee

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Charter Review Committee Meeting Minutes 10/17/2020

Call to Order at 10:02AM (Meeting is recorded)

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

Members not in attendance: Steven Persell, Darren Boston, Scott Pitta

Guests Present: Mark Linde, Adelene Ellenberg, Frances Jeffries, Greg Walton, Raymond Ajemian, Wendi LaCivita, Astrid Rojas

Roll Call

Citizens Public Forum

Ed Ivaldi gave a presentation on the history of the Town's Charter and the goals of the Charter Review Committee.

Frances Jeffries stated that she has concerns on the population being engaged by the town. She would like additional outreach efforts to be made so that a larger portion of the town's population is being heard and included.

Mark Linde, 56 Michael Road, would like to know if it is possible on the controversial questions, that go to ballot, can they be separated out to prevent an "all or nothing" type vote. Ed Ivaldi stated that the committee intends to have each of the questions to be listed on the ballot to be voted on.

Raymond Ajemian, 221 Aldridge Road, asked if the committee is reviewing other town charters in the area to get a sense of what is being accomplished and what does and doesn't work.

Adelene Ellenberg would like to see if there is a way to make a hybrid between open town meeting and the charter in an effort to engage more of the citizens.

Adjourn – 10:52AM