

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

Charter Review Committee

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Charter Review Committee Meeting Minutes 8/19/2020

Call to Order at 7:02PM (Meeting is recorded)

Members Present: Ed Ivaldi, Cleonie Mainvielle, Thomas Golden, Scott Pitta, Steven Persell

Members not in attendance: Darren Boston

Guests Present: Councilman William Wood, Marilee Hunt – Town Clerk

Roll Call

Approval of Meeting Minutes on 8/3

Thomas Golden motioned to approve the meeting minutes from 8/3/2020, Steven Persell seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comment

William Wood 388 Hayward St: Mr. Wood spoke to the committee on his experience with the charter including his time on a previous committee. Mr. Wood would like to make himself available to the committee to share his information and answer questions members may have from previous charter reviews.

New Business

There was no new business at this time.

Old Business

Citizen Survey

Thomas Golden shared with the committee the changes to the website and the citizen survey to be posted to the town's website. The link will be shared with the committee and the survey will be posted next week and available for a month. Once posted to the town's website, the link will also be shared on the Facebook group and distributed with help from the Town Manager.

Committee Planning

Recommendation Decision Matrix

Ed Ivaldi shared a comparison spreadsheet that captures the 2014 Charter Review Committee recommendations, the 2017 Town Council recommendations, the 2018 Legislative recommendations and the current Charter Review Committee recommendations. This is a draft and will continue to be worked on with input from other committee members on

adjustments. Several members offered ideas for changes before information is gathered and entered into the spreadsheet.

Steven Persell motioned to recommend the use of the CRC Decision Matrix by the committee, Thomas Golden seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Steven Persell motioned change the yes/no column to a date under the approval and to add a separate page for rationale information for each recommendation, Cleonie Mainvielle seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Schedule

Ed Ivaldi shared a schedule for the committee that included the finalization of a schedule, completion of data gathering, develop citizen education material, ongoing communication with the Town Council, the phased recommendation rollout, and the delivery of the final report.

Public Comment

William Wood commented on his experience providing information to the citizens of Bridgewater and offered to sponsor a postcard to increase participation on the Citizen Survey for the Charter Review Committee.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, September 16th, 2020 at 7PM

Steven Persell motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:21PM, Thomas Golden seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjourn – 8:21PM