

TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

Charter Review Committee

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Charter Review Committee Meeting Minutes 9/30/2020

Call to Order at 7:01PM (Meeting is recorded)

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

Members not in attendance: Scott Pitta, Steven Persell

Guests Present: Sam Baumgarten, Carlton Hunt, William Wood, Pat Neary, Peter Colombotos, Janet Dye, Marilee Hunt, Gina Guasconi

Roll Call

Approval of Meeting Minutes on 9/16

Thomas Golden motioned to approve the meeting minutes from 9/16/2020, Steven Persell seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Citizen's Public Forum

Ed Ivaldi shared the presentation introducing the Charter Review Committee.

William Wood 388 Hayward Street, Town Council Member Regarding the Finance Committee and its challenges to form a quorum. A recommendation would be to change it so that they do not need five members to meet quorum.

Carlton Hunt believes that a review should be done on what has to be approved by the Finance Committee before it can be voted on by the Town Council along with changes to make the committee more efficient. Carlton Hunt feels that the current form of town government has dissuaded citizen involvement in town planning. He wants to ensure that the citizens are

Sam Baumgarten, 60 Short St would like to know what the Town Manager and Town Council are doing to promote communication with the citizens and if there are additional ways to get information out. He feels that stipends should continue for the positions but have them reviewed on where else the money could go. Ordinance was discussed at the Town Council meeting on forming an ad-hoc committee for a diversity, inclusion and equity and Sam was wondering if there is anything in the charter that would help support that.

Marilee Hunt made remarks on the stipends, agreeing with Sam Baumgarten on the review, and the disenfranchisement of the citizens by not having department heads with residency requirements.

Gina Guasconi, 35 Fall Avenue believes that more elected positions in the town government would have a positive impact on citizen involvement.

Old Business

Thomas Golden motioned to discuss the Citizen Survey out of order, Cleonie Mainvielle seconded the motion. The motioned was approved unanimously.

Citizen Survey/Personnel Interview Update

Thomas Golden shared the most recent results of the citizen survey with the committee.

The Personnel Interview update will be discussed at the next meeting.

Committee Planning

Thomas Golden has updated the matrix to include the 2014 CRC and 2017 TC R&P information. Ed should have the revised Decision Matrix available for discussion at the next meeting.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Additional Items

No additional items were offered for discussion.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, October 7th, 2020 at 7PM

Thomas Golden motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:24PM, Cleonie Mainvielle seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjourn – 8:24PM