



Town Of Webster

Massachusetts

Est. 1832

Charter Review Committee

350 Main Street
Webster, MA 01570

Earl Gabor, Chairman
Andrew Jolda, Vice Chairman
Ted Avlas, Recording Secretary
Robert Craver
Pamela Leduc

Lee Ann Majercik
Thomas Ralph
Will Starzec
John Zagrocki

Town of Webster
Charter Review Committee
Open Session Minutes (M.G.L. C.39)
Wednesday July 13, 2016 6:30pm
Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room
Town Hall, Webster, MA 01570

In Attendance:

Ted Avlas
Robert Craver
Earl Gabor
Andrew Jolda
Lee Ann Majercik
Thomas Ralph
Will Starzec
John Zagrocki

Absent:

Pam Leduc

1. Call to Order:

Chairman Gabor called the meeting or order at 6:30pm

Motion to approve the minutes of June 22, 2016

Motion – Mr. Starzec

Second – Mr. Craver

Vote: Yes – 7 No – 0 Abstain - 1

Motion passed

Mr. Ralph joined the meeting at 6:36pm

Mr. Starzec made some grammatical changes to Section 3 of the Charter, as revised.
Motion to approve the changes as recommended

Motion – Mr. Jolda
Second – Ms. Majercik
Vote: Yes – 7 No – 0 Abstain - 1
Motion passed

Mr. Ralph requested a change to Section 3-1-e Coordination: Add “Town Meeting”
Motion to approve the changes as recommended

Motion – Mr. Ralph
Second – Mr. Craver
Vote: Yes – 8 No – 0 Abstain - 0
Motion passed

The review of article 3 continued.

Sec 3-1-f-1 OK
Sec 3-1-f-2 OK
Sec 3-1-f-3 OK
Sec 3-1-g-1 OK
Sec 3-1-g-2 Modify the number of voters required to file an affidavit from 25-50
Motion to approve the changes as recommended

Motion – Mr. Ralph
Second – Mr. Jolda
Vote: Yes – 8 No – 0 Abstain - 0
Motion passed

Sec 3-1-g-3 OK
Sec 3-1-g-4 OK
Sec 3-1-g-5 OK
Sec 3-1-g-6 OK
Sec 3-1-g-7 Mr. Ralph to research and report at the next meeting
Sec 3-1-g-8 Mr. Ralph to research and report at the next meeting

2. Old Business:

- Mr. Gabor reported on his conversation with legal counsel
 - i. Discussed a proper time line. Council will work on a timeline.
 - ii. Questioned whether the committee could change the number of write in votes required. Counsel agreed saying that Charter supersedes MGL.
 - iii. Questioned whether we could make changes so that someone cannot run for the same office to extend term unless their current term is about to expire. Council was asked to provide verbeage.

- Elected vs Appointed Positions: Treasurer/Tax Collector/Assessor
 - i. Pro’s and Con’s were discussed by the Committee. The Chairman will recommend a vote at the next meeting of the full board.

3. New Business:

- Mr. Gabor offered the Password for Town Hall Wifi for the Committee

4. Motion to Adjourn

Motion – Mr. Craver

Second – Mr. Jolda

Vote: Yes – 8 No – 0

Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

Next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at 6:00pm in the Board of Selectmen's Meeting Room

Respectfully submitted,

Ted Avlas
Recording Secretary