

Town Charter Committee October 22, 2024



Committee met in HYBRID session at 6:00 p.m. at Abbot Hall, 188 Washington Street

The Chair called the meeting of October 22, 2024 to order.

The following committee members were present constituting a quorum:

Amy Drinker, Chair	Seamus Hourihan
Rossana Ferrante, Vice Chair	Sean Casey
Jim Zisson	Caleb Miller
Ron Grenier	Tom Massaro
Bill Conly, joined at 6:20 p.m.	Thatcher W. Kezer III, Town Administrator, staff support

The Chair announced that the meeting is utilizing a webinar platform and anyone wishing to speak at public comment should raise their hand to be acknowledged by the Chair.

Minutes. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of September 24, 2024. All in favor.

Discussion with Board of Health. The Chair welcomed members of the Board of Health; Helaine Hazlett, Chair, Dr. Tom Massaro (also a member of the Town Charter Committee), and Tom McMahon. Ms. Hazlett submitted the following documents to the Committee reference: Massachusetts Board of Health Handbook and a document related to the duties of the Board of Health which clarifies the roles of the Board of Health and the distinction with the Health Department. The Chair began by asking the committee the preestablished questions related to how each board or commission is currently structured, their budgeting process and finances and what, if any, restructuring or realigning they would recommend. A lengthy discussion followed with the Board of Health.

Next Meeting Date. November 14, 2024, 6:30 p.m.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. All in favor.

Kyle A. Wiley, Administrative Clerk

List of documents used: None