

Town Charter Committee

April 22, 2025



Committee met in HYBRID session at 6:30 p.m. at Abbot Hall, 188 Washington Street
The Chair called the meeting of April 22, 2025, to order.

By a roll call vote, the following committee members were present constituting a quorum:

Amy Drinker, Chair	Seamus Hourihan
Rossana Ferrante, Vice Chair, remote	Sean Casey
Jim Zisson	Caleb Miller, remote
Ron Grenier, absent	Tom Massaro
Bill Conly	Victor Wild

Thatcher W. Kezer III, Town Administrator, staff support

The Chair announced that the meeting is utilizing a webinar platform and is being recorded.

Minutes. None to approve.

Discussion on Draft A, continued. The Committee continued its review of Draft A reviewing all holds put on by committee members starting with Article 6.4 and continuing through Article 7.4 (skipping Article 6.5). Jim Zisson and Victor Wild joined the meeting during this discussion. The team discussed the need for consistency in the language used across different sections of the bylaws. Sean Casey will work on making revisions and cleaning up language in the draft Charter. The Committee will resume review of Draft A, 7.5, Recall Provisions, at their meeting on May 8, 2025.

Town Meeting Report. The Chair will give a brief report at Town Meeting, under Article 2, Reports of Town Officers and Committees, on the process and status of the Town Charter Committee. The Chair asked for comments on the draft presentation that was circulated. Suggestions will be incorporated.

Public Forums. The Chair confirmed the dates for the upcoming public forums on the charter process as follows: a comprehensive presentation by Sean Casey on May 27, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. This meeting will be hybrid, followed by two condensed presentations; May 29, 2025, in person at the Council on Aging at lunchtime and May 30, 2025 via Webinar in the morning (9AM). The Committee will be promoting these public forums on multiple platforms.

Public Comment. None

Next Meeting Date. Thursday, May 8. 6:30 p.m.

Motion made to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Moved by Victor Wild, seconded by Sean Casey. On a roll call vote the Committee voted as follows: Ferrante, in favor; Casey, in favor; Conly, in favor; Hourihan, in favor; Massaro, in favor; Miller, in favor; Wild, in favor; Zisson, in favor; Drinker, in favor.

Kyle A. Wiley, Administrative Clerk *Kyle A. Wiley*
List of documents used: Draft A, January 25, 2025/Committee holds