Town Charter Committee January 23, 2025

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

The Chair called the meeting of January 23, 2025, to order.

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

Amy Drinker, Chair Seamus Hourihan (absent)

Rosanna Ferrante, Vice Chair Sean Casey

Jim Zisson Caleb Miller, remote

Ron Grenier Tom Massaro
Bill Conly (absent) Victor Wild

Thatcher W. Kezer III, Town Administrator, staff support (absent)

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

Minutes. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of January 9, 2025. Moved by Wild, seconded by Grenier. On a roll call vote the Committee voted as follows: Ferrante, in favor; Casey, in favor; Grenier, in favor; Massaro, in favor; Miller, in favor; Wild, in favor; Zisson, in favor; Drinker, in favor.

Boards/Committees/Commissions, discussion. The following boards, committees and commissions joined the Charter Committee for discussion and the opportunity to answer questions from the Committee regarding the current structure of their department, delivery of services, budget process and to allow for the opportunity to discuss any suggestions or recommendations:

Harbors & Waters Board Gary Gregory, John Doub, Clark Smith, Rick Cuzner (remote), Steve Wolf (remote)

Housekeeping items. Review process for Charter review.

The Chair stated the Draft Charter would be sent out to the committee over the weekend and asked that members review before the next meeting, January 28, 2025. Sean Casey proposed a review process for the committee to follow when review of the Draft Charter begins. A brief discussion was held on future public forums and meeting dates as well as upcoming schedule for the remaining boards and committees to meet with the Charter Committee.

Recess. Motion made and seconded to take a 10-minute recess at 7:15 p.m. All in favor.

Boards/Committees/Commissions, discussion (continued). The following boards, committees and commissions joined the Charter Committee for discussion and the opportunity to answer questions from the Committee regarding the current structure of their department, delivery of services, budget process and to allow for the opportunity to discuss any suggestions or recommendations:

Cemetery Commission David Rodgers, Jerry Tucker

Finance Committee Alec Goolsby, Molly Teets, Pat Franklin

Public Comment. None

Next Meeting Date. Tuesday, January 28, 2025, 6:30 p.m.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Moved by Zisson; seconded by Massaro. On a roll call vote the Committee voted as follows: Ferrante, in favor; Casey, in favor; Grenier, in favor; Massaro, in favor; Miller, in favor; Wild, in favor; Zisson, in favor; Drinker, in favor.

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List of documents used: 1.23.25 Briefing on Hold / January 22, 2025 Memo