

Town Charter Committee

January 27, 2026



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

The Chair called the meeting of January 27, 2026, to order.

On a roll call vote the following members were present:

Amy Drinker, Chair	Seamus Hourihan, remote
Rossana Ferrante, Vice Chair, remote	Caleb Miller
Ron Grenier	Victor Wild, arrived at 6:07 p.m.
Tom Massaro, remote	
Thatcher W. Kezer III, Town Administrator, Ex Officio	

Minutes. Motion made to approve the minutes of January 15, 2026. Moved by Grenier, seconded by Miller. On a roll call vote the Board voted as follows: Ferrante, in favor; Grenier, in favor; Hourihan, in favor; Massaro, in favor; Miller, abstain; Wild, in favor; Drinker, in favor.

Collins Center. Patrica Lloyd, Associate, Edward J. Collins, Jr. Center for Public Management, appeared remotely to review feedback on Draft B that she provided to the Committee and answer any questions. Pat expressed condolences to the committee for the loss of their colleague, Sean Casey. Pat noted it was clear that Sean put his heart and soul into this committee and into the draft of the town charter.

The Committee continued with its review of Draft B and the feedback received from the Collins Center. Patricia provided guidance on handling special acts and referendum procedures. The committee debated the level of detail to include in the charter, with some members advocating for a more streamlined document focused on the town's constitutional framework rather than operational details. The committee agreed to consult with Town Council on several provisions before proceeding with specific language changes.

Questions for Town Counsel / Collins Center

The Chair has sent a memo to Town Counsel with questions from the Committee. This discussion will be moved to a future meeting after the Committee receives Town Counsel's response.

Public Comment. None.

Next Meeting Date. Thursday, February January 12, 2026. 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Moved by Wild, seconded by Miller. On a polled vote the Committee voted as follows: Ferrante, in favor; Grenier, in favor; Hourihan, in favor; Massaro, in favor; Miller, in favor; Wild, in favor; Drinker, in favor.

Kyle A. Wiley

Kyle A. Wiley, Administrative Clerk

List of documents used: Memo with Collins Center feedback on Draft B