

Town Charter Committee

February 12, 2026



Committee met in HYBRID session at 6:30 p.m. at Abbot Hall, 188 Washington Street

The Vice Chair will preside over this meeting. The Vice Chair called the meeting of February 12, 2026, to order.

On a roll call vote the following members were present:

Amy Drinker, Chair, remote
Rossana Ferrante, Vice Chair
Ron Grenier
Tom Massaro
Thatcher W. Kezer III, Town Administrator, Ex Officio

Seamus Hourihan, remote
Caleb Miller, remote
Victor Wild

Minutes. No minutes to approve.

Draft B Review. Town Counsel feedback and Charter Committee edits. Discussion on Article 6 and 7 will be deferred and looked at on whole at a future meeting. The committee reviewed edits to the draft Charter in addition to feedback from Town Counsel and the Collins Center, focusing on articles related to town government structure, powers, and operations. The committee debated various language options for the preamble, Article 2, and other sections. The committee also discussed concerns about potential conflicts between the charter and state laws. The Chair will seek clarification from Town Council about specific language and make revisions to the draft Charter as discussed. The committee will continue review of the draft Charter at their next scheduled meeting on the February 24, 2026.

Public Comment. None.

Next Meeting Date. Tuesday, February 24, 2026. 6:00 p.m.

Motion made to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Moved by Ferrante, seconded by Massaro. On a polled vote the Committee voted as follows: Grenier, in favor; Massaro, in favor; Wild, in favor; Miller, in favor; Drinker, in favor; Ferrante, in favor.

Kyle A. Wiley
Administrative Clerk

List of documents used: February 2, 2026 Memo/ Town Counsel feedback on Draft B