

Town of Bourne Charter Review Committee

Meeting Minutes October 20, 2021 at 7:15 PM Zoom Meeting

Charter Review Committee Members: Chairman Stephen Mealy, Vice Chair Renee Gratis, Administrative Clerk Anne-Marie Siroonian, Recording Clerk Barbara Princiotta, Member Michael Carlowicz, Member Griffin Girard, Member Joseph Gordon

Also, present: N/A

Documents: N/A

1. **Call Public Session to Order in Open Meeting** - Chairman Mealy called to order the meeting of the Charter Review Committee at 7:15 P.M. on October 20, 2021. He announced that this Zoom meeting is being recorded and may be televised by Bourne TV at some future date. Chairman Mealy noted that anyone from the public that wished to access the meeting could do so by using the Zoom information listed on the meeting agenda and instructed the public how they could participate. A roll call attendance was taken.

Roll call:

Michael Carlowicz - Present

Griffin Girard - Present

Joseph Gordon - Present

Renee Gratis - Present

Stephen Mealy - Present

Barbara Princiotta - Present

Anne-Marie Siroonian - Present

2. **Public Comment on non-agenda items** - There was no public comment.

3. **Review Correspondence** - Chairman Mealy inquired as to whether any correspondence had been received as of October 20, 2021. No correspondence was received.

4. **Discussion and Possible Vote on Charter Review Articles 1 and 2 for Special Town Meeting** - Chairman Mealy opened the discussion with a possible change to Section 5-7 and 5-8 to adopt verbiage to allow the Town Administrator to assign an interim fire and police chief. Renee Gratis asked why language needed to be added since historically it had been done in the past without language being in the charter. The committee discussed whether we would be able to discuss it thoughtfully at this point. A motion to table the discussion and take no action relative to interim or acting regarding fire or police chief in the charter was made by Renee Gratis, seconded by Joseph Gordon. The motion carried. Roll call:

Michael Carlowicz - Abstain

Griffin Girard - Present

Joseph Gordon - Present

Renee Gratis - Present

Stephen Mealy - Present

Barbara Princiotta - Present

Anne-Marie Siroonian - Present

Chairman Mealy opened the discussion about the warrant articles. Anne-Marie Siroonian mentioned she added information related to the recall vote and minor changes were made to the document based on Attorney Troy's recommendations as well as slight grammatical changes. General discussions and comments on the process and how they would be presented in the voter handbook were also discussed.

- A motion was made by Anne-Marie Siroonian and seconded by Joseph Gordon to remove the words an important planning tool in the definition of local comprehensive plan. The motion carried.

Roll call:

Michael Carlowicz - Abstain

Griffin Girard - Yes

Joseph Gordon - Yes

Renee Gratis - Yes

Stephen Mealy - Yes

Barbara Princiotta - Yes

Anne-Marie Siroonian - Yes

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- A discussion ensued about putting in a hard date for Section 5-1. A motion was made by Renee Gratis, seconded by Anne-Marie Siroonian to strike the second sentence and replace with “The select board shall by majority vote approve the organization chart by June 30th.” The motion carried.

Roll call:

Michael Carlowicz - Abstain	Stephen Mealy - Yes
Griffin Girard - Yes	Barbara Princiotta - Yes
Joseph Gordon - Yes	Anne-Marie Siroonian - Yes
Renee Gratis - Yes	

- A motion was made by Anne-Marie Siroonian and seconded by Joseph Gordon to move to approve the warrant articles 1 and 2 and go forward to town meeting on November 15th. The motion carried.

Roll call:

Michael Carlowicz - Abstain	Stephen Mealy - Yes
Griffin Girard - Yes	Barbara Princiotta - Yes
Joseph Gordon - Yes	Anne-Marie Siroonian - Yes
Renee Gratis - Yes	

- A motion was made by Anne-Marie Siroonian and seconded by Joseph Gordon to approve the report to town meeting with the names changed based on leadership. The motion carried.

Roll call:

Michael Carlowicz - Abstain	Stephen Mealy - Yes
Griffin Girard - Yes	Barbara Princiotta - Yes
Joseph Gordon - Yes	Anne-Marie Siroonian - Yes
Renee Gratis - Yes	

5. **Discussion and Possible Vote to Allow Chair to Approve Minutes of 10/20/2021 Meeting and Any Other Minutes not Voted on by the Committee and Submit to Town Clerk** - After a brief discussion, Joseph Gordon made a motion move to allow Chairman Mealy to approve the minutes of the 10/20/21 meeting and any other minutes not voted on by the committee and submit to town clerk, seconded by Anne-Marie Siroonian. The motion carried.

Roll call:

Michael Carlowicz - Yes	Stephen Mealy - Yes
Griffin Girard - Yes	Barbara Princiotta - Yes
Joseph Gordon - Yes	Anne-Marie Siroonian - Yes
Renee Gratis - Yes	

6. **Adjourn** - Chairman Mealy asked if there was anything else the members would like to discuss. After no discussion, Chairman Mealy entertained a motion to adjourn. Joseph Gordon moved, seconded by Anne-Marie Siroonian.

Roll call:

Michael Carlowicz - Yes	Stephen Mealy - Yes
Griffin Girard - Yes	Barbara Princiotta - Yes
Joseph Gordon - Yes	Anne-Marie Siroonian - Yes
Renee Gratis - Yes	

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Princiotta