

## Minutes of the January 28, 2025 Meeting of the Charter and Bylaw Review Committee (CBRC)

Attendees: Chris Weithman, Harriet Merkwowitz, Paul Connoly, Paul Griesmer, Donna McKenzie; Bob Awkward [at 7:42 PM].

Member of the Public: Dom Mallozzi

### Meeting Recording MATERIALS

### MEETING

The meeting was called to order by a roll call vote at 7:01 PM 5-0-0. The public was notified that the meeting is being recorded by Natick Pegasus

Citizen's Concerns - none brought forward

Update on Special Act Status - Ms. Weithman reported communication with Representative Linsky and that the legislation had been filed. The legislative procedures of voting on the house rules and then forming committees are delaying any real timeline. At the time of the meeting the bill didn't yet have a bill number. Once the bill has a bill number and a committee, there will be a committee hearing in the Spring.

By Law Committee Reports for potential changes to the Bylaws:

Ms. Merkwowitz had multiple groups. The Information Advisory group [Article 27] never gave any follow up. The Audit Advisory Committee [Article 23a] didn't feel any changes were needed. Regarding the Council on Aging [COA], she didn't reach the director but Ms. Merkwowitz feels their bylaw needs an adjustment related to the quorum and their rules of governance. Re town contracts, Article 41, Brian LeBlanc requested a few additions and subtractions. Ms. Merkwowitz will email the requested changes to the chair.

Ms. Weithman does not have an update on the revolving funds. The town Administrator does have potential changes to the TA bylaw but he does not feel they are pressing. Mr. Griesmer shared his thoughts on Article 20 regarding the fiscal documents and the potential for changes to this list. Mr. Griesmer also shared some concerns regarding the personnel board bylaw.

Mr. Connolly had Information Systems and Cable Advisory Committee. These two groups are non-responsive. They have not been calling meetings. Mr. Mallozzi suggested that the town's information systems have undergone major reorganization. The school and town Information services have combined their function into one position.

Other reports will take place when those members are present.

Mr. Griesmer reported on Article 44. He has not yet reached the building inspector [Article 72].

Mr. Awkward reported met with the health director regarding [Article 81] wants to add propane to the list of underground tanks that need regulation. Article 80, no changes, Article 82, 83 and 84 have no changes at this time. Mr. Awkward will send an email to the chair regarding article language changes.

Special Counsel invoice was shared with the Committee today. There are two invoices, [November and December]. These invoices include all of the legal work to review the special act and the materials needed to provide the Select Board with the materials needed. The remaining funds for future special counsel work is \$56,311.42. Ms. Merkowitz moved to approve both invoices in the amount of \$ 9,901.10 seconded by Mr. Awkward. The committee voted by roll call vote 6-0-0 to approve the invoice

Ongoing meeting schedule was planned for February 4<sup>th</sup> to write warrant articles.

Outstanding Meeting Minutes for November 6 and November 21<sup>st</sup> have been sent to the committee. The committee deferred voting on these minutes until next week.

Ms. Merkowitz moved for adjournment and the motion was seconded by Ms. McKenzie. By a roll call vote the committee voted to adjourn 6-0-0 at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Date Approved:



4/24/25

Christine Weithman

Secretary, Charter and Bylaw Review Committee