

Meeting Minutes of the Charter and Bylaw Review Committee (CBRC)

Tuesday February 4, 2025

Meeting recording

Meeting Materials

Committee Attendees: Paul Greismer, Paul Connolly, Chris Weithman, Bob Awkward [at 7:08 PM], Donna McKenzie [at 7:09 PM], Harriet Merkowitz.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM by a roll call of those present 4-0-0; a quorum was present. It was announced that the meeting is being recorded by Pegasus.

Citizen's Concerns: none offered

Update on Special Act Status: Ms. Weithman does not have a bill number yet; A review of the legislative process was shared.

By Law Committee Reports: Ms. Merkowitz reminded the chair that the COA changes will be dropped. Ms. Weithman reached out to the town administration regarding the revolving funds but has not heard back from them.

Warrant articles:

The Warrant closes February 20th. If we complete our work tonight we might have our articles in early.

Mr. Greismer drafted 2 warrant articles. The first is the committee standard report.

The second warrant article is for changes to Bylaw Articles 21, 25, 41, 81 and possibly the potential zoning topic.

Ms. Weithman shared the meeting material for the warrant article for a committee report. A motion to approve the article as presented was offered by Ms. Weithman and seconded by Ms. Merkowitz. The motion was approved 6-0-0.

The Bylaw Warrant Article in meeting materials was viewed and discussed. Regarding Bylaw Article 21A, 41, 81 and 22, and one new Bylaw Article

Re Article 21A Collection of Taxes, section 6 the warrant proposes adding language to be consistent with current MGL by adding additional laws that

are not currently included in the Bylaw regarding outstanding taxes in tax title. Additional language was added regarding newspaper to other terms; plus adding section headers to section 7. Some edits were made to the prepared meeting materials. Discussion ensued.

The COA no longer wish to have changes to Article 25.

Article 41 Contracts, Town Property and Regulations of Town Board and Officials. The Sections 1 2 and 3 have additions needed. A review of the changes requested by the procurement officer was discussed to ensure that those changes were captured for the warrant article. Editing of meeting materials took place to ensure accuracy to the needed changes to the warrant article.

For Article 81 language is updated to add the word propane in select sections.

For Article 22 Town Counsel adds a new Bylaw Section for zoning counsel. This is the same language of the warrant article offered in previous town meetings.

Ms. Merkowitz moved to accept the Warrant Article as presented on the screen, with edits accepted and seconded by Mr. Awkward. This text can be reasonably modified by Mr. DeRensis. The motion was approved by a roll call vote 5-0-1.

Future meetings are to be determined. Once the Warrant is accepted the CBRC will need a meeting for motions, possibly February 13th. If motions are not ready then the meeting will be cancelled.

The Outstanding Meeting Minutes for November 6th and November 21st 2024 were sent previously. Mr. Awkward had edits on the November 6th meeting that were changed.

Ms. Merkowitz moved to accept the minutes of November 6th as corrected. Seconded by Mr. Awkward. The minutes were accepted in a roll call vote 6-0-0.

Moved by Ms. Merkowitz to accept the minutes of November 21, 2024. Seconded by Mr. Awkward. The minutes were accepted in a roll call vote 6-0-0.

Ms. Merkowitz offered a motion for adjournment and seconded by Mr. Awkward. Following a Roll Call vote of 6-0-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Date approved:



4/24/25

Christine Weithman

Secretary, Charter and Bylaw Review Committee