

**Approved Minutes of the Meeting of the Charter and Bylaw Review Committee
(CBRC) Tuesday February 18, 2025, 7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.**

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Meeting attendees: Paul Greismer, Paul Connolly at 7:09 PM, Christine Weithman, Donna McKenzie, Bob Awkward, Donna McKenzie Harriett Merkowitz [until 7:22 PM]

AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM in a roll call vote of those present; 5-0-0. The meeting was announced as being recorded by Pegasus. See link above

Citizen's Concerns - none stepped forward

Update on Special Act Status by Christine Weithman. The bill has been filed and Ms. Weithman will send a link to the bill. The legislative process has not yet started. The bill does not yet have a committee.

Motions for Voted Warrant articles:

The first warrant article taken up was Article 23.

Mr. Awkward moved to approve a motion to have Town Meeting Hear a Committee Report. Seconded by Ms. McKenzie. The committee approved by roll call vote 6-0-0.

The Warrant Article to be considered was Motion D for Bylaw Article 41. Motion to approve Motion D as presented on the zoom screen was moved by Ms. Merkowitz and seconded by Ms. McKenzie. The motion passed by roll call vote 6-0-0.

The next motion discussed was motion E.

Moved to support the text of proposed motion E as shown on the screen by Mr. Awkward and seconded by Ms. Merkowitz. Motion E as presented in the meeting was approved by a Roll Call Vote 6-0-0.

Motion E for Warrant Article 24 was taken next for article 81.

Moved to approve the motion as shown in the meeting on the screen was made by Mr. Awkward and seconded by Ms. Merkowitz. The motion passed by roll call vote 6-0-0.

Next Motion A and Motion B for by the Bylaw regarding Collector of Taxes was taken

next. This current bylaw leaves out several MGL sections referring to how interest is calculated on unpaid taxes for which a tax title has begun. Senior deferrals have a different interest rate. These proposed changes allows the bylaw to track with MGL should changes take place. Editing took place during the discussion to remove spelling errors. A red line will be created for Finance Committee.

The committee discussed language around publishing the names of individuals or businesses who have unpaid taxes and settled on new language for motion B.

Ms. Weithman moved approval of motion A as presented in the meeting on the screen. Seconded by Mr. Awkward. The motion carried by roll call vote 5-0-0.

Motion B as shown in the redline which will become the motion. Ms. Weithman moved approval of Motion B as presented and then edited during the meeting, subject to review by special counsel. Seconded by Ms. McKenzie. The motion was approved 5-0-0 by roll call vote.

Motion C was moved for approval by Ms. Weithman, as presented in the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Awkward. The motion was approved by roll call vote 5-0-0.

A discussion of the history for needing Motion F took place on why to propose that special zoning counsel be available to the planning board, the Fin Com and Town Meeting. Ms. Weithman moved to approve Motion F, seconded by Mr. Awkward. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 5-0-0.

The committee elected to table the proposed Motion G.

Future meetings are dependent on any changes from Special Council.

Outstanding Meeting Minutes are not yet available.

A motion for Adjournment was moved by Mr. Awkward and seconded by Ms. McKenzie. A roll call vote was taken to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Date Approved: July 3, 2025



Christine Weithman
Secretary, Charter and Bylaw Review Committee - future meeting