

Town of Stoughton

Charter Review Committee

Date: Thursday, March 30, 2023 Time 7:00 p.m.

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This meeting may be recorded for future re-broadcast via SMAC.

The Charter Review Committee will meet in person in the Yaitanes Room on the Third Floor of Town Hall. A virtual option will be available via Google Meet. The link is below:

Charter Review Committee Google Meet Link:

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/vqi-mofp-qof>

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dial: (US) +1 302-924-8367 PIN: 511 794 049#

Agenda

Meeting agendas and minutes will be available through the Town's website at: Stoughton.org and on the Charter Review Committee page at: stoughton.org/charter-review-committee.

1. Call to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Citizen Requests/Comments (2 minutes per person)
4. Committee Members Comments
5. Approval of Charter Review Committee Minutes for the 3-9-23 Meeting – Appendix A
6. Final Review and Vote on Charter Review Committee Bylaw Article as Amended – Appendix B
7. Finalize Draft Article for Charter Review Article 7 – Representative Town Meeting ~ Appendix C
8. Charter Review Articles 1-15 may be discussed and voted on – Appendix D
9. Charter Review Committee Meeting Scheduled date:
 - April 13, 2023 at 7 p.m.
10. Adjourn

APENDIX A

Charter Review Committee Meeting
March 9, 2023 via Google Meets

Members in Attendance:

5 members present, Chair Larry Sauer, Cynthia Walsh, Amy Puliafico, Becca Markson, and Teresa Tapper

Started recording meeting.

Agenda Item 1: Meeting Called to Order – Larry Sauer (chair) called meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Agenda Item 2: Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item 3: Citizens Requests/Comments: None

Agenda Item 4: Committee Member Comments:

Cynthia Walsh-Requested the names of people at the meeting since she is calling into the meeting and cannot see everyone, Larry Sauer listed the members present.

Chair Larry Sauer-Spoke to Town Counsel regarding Warrant Article, we will discuss further in Agenda Item 6.

Agenda Item 5: Approval of Meeting Minutes for the 2/23/23 Meeting

Motion to Approve Meeting Minutes for the 2/23/23 Meeting as Amended made by Cynthia Walsh. Becca Markson seconded. *The Amendment is correct spelling of the word "acclamation" on final page.*

Vote by acclamation – 5 yes, 0 no

Motion passes

Agenda Item 6: Update on Charter Review Committee Bylaw (Appendix B)

Chair Larry Sauer-The Town Counsel recommended some changes to our current Article:

1. In first line change "C7-14" to correct by-law as opposed to incorrectly citing to Charter.
2. In Paragraph E, can leave it saying "make recommendations to Town Meeting," but right now it either needs to go through Selectboard or as a Petitioned Article. Counsel recommended it is changed to say "make recommendations to Town Meeting *through the Selectboard*"
 - a. Cynthia Walsh recommended we make 168 copies of the amended article and ask FinComm to send it out with the book, then we make the amendment on the floor of Town Meeting. That way everyone will already have it and it will be easier. Discussion of why this is best procedure.

Chair Larry Sauer will make the amendments and then we can vote on it at next meeting.