

TOWN OF PLYMOUTH

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

July 24, 2023

*Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020, Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18 and further updates, this meeting was conducted in a **hybrid format**: In-person option: Town Hall · Great Hall - 26 Court Street · Plymouth MA 02360 Or Virtual option – a Zoom Webinar link was provided .*

These minutes are not verbatim – they are the recording secretary's interpretation of what took place at the meeting, per Open Meeting Law, G.L. C 30A, § 22.

The Charter Review Committee held a scheduled meeting on Monday, July 24, 2023, 6 PM, at the Plymouth Townhall, 1820 Court Room, 26 Court Street, Plymouth, MA 02360.

Present: F. Steven Triffletti, Town Moderator and Committee members, Betty Cavacco, Alan Costello, David Golden, Joseph Hutchinson, Timothy Lawlor, Len Levin, Laurence Pizer, Martha Vautrain, Robert Zupperoli.

Also, Steve Bolotin-alternate member and Michael Hanlon, alternate member.

Also in attendance was the Committee assistant, Michelle Turner .

CALL TO ORDER

The Town Moderator, F. Steven Triffletti called the meeting to order at 6 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND MICHELLE TURNER

The Moderator introduced the appointed members including the Committee assistant. The Moderator explained that the Committee would need to seeking funding for the staff assistant through the Town Manager.

ORGANIZATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Moderator called for a nomination of a Chair.

Robert Zupperoli nominated David Golden, 2nd by Timothy Lawlor

Laurence Pizer nominated Joseph Hutchinson, 2nd by Martha Vautrain

Moderator called for the Vote.

In favor of David Golden – opposed by Larry Pizer, Martha Vautrain and Joseph Hutchinson.

In favor of Joseph Hutchinson – opposed by Betty Cavacco, Alan Costello, David Golden, Timothy Lawlor, Len Levin, and Robert Zupperoli.

David Golden was appointed Chair.

David Golden, Chair called for a nomination for the Vice-Chair. Timothy Lawlor nominated Alan Costello, 2nd Betty Cavacco. Alan Costello was appointed Vice-Chair.

David Golde, Chair called for a nomination for the Clerk. Betty Cavacco nominated Robert Zupperoli, 2nd Alan Costello.

Laurence Pizer motioned that the Chair cast a single vote. The Committee was in favor of this action. David Golden appointed Robert Zupperoli as Clerk.

NEW BUSINESS: FUNDING, LEGAL COUNSEL, SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

There was a brief budget discussion. David Golden, Chair stated he would schedule time with the Town Manager to request funding for staff assistance for the duration of the Committee's work.

Schedule of Meetings – Consensus was to meet 2x/month. Members will let Michelle Turner know what their other commitments are in order to set the schedule.

Role of alternate members – The Chair agreed with the vice Chair that alternates will sit at the table with the Committee, for future meetings. The Chair will reach out to Town counsel to discuss the role of the alternates. The next meeting's agenda will include the role of the alternate members.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jane Crimmins - asked how many precincts were represented and each member declared their precinct. She also expressed the need to communicate with the public and suggested holding meetings at various precinct locations, looking for ideas to improve voter turnout. The Chair agreed that the Committee's page on the town's website would aid in keeping the public updated.

Steve Lydon – believed that the Appointing Committee noted that the Charter Committee could set the parameters of the alternate members.

ADJOURN

It was decided that there would be no meeting on July 31.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle A. Turner

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Minutes Approved on: September 5, 2023