

Charter Commission 8/25/04 approved 9/8/04

Hopkinton Charter Commission meeting, August 25, 2004

Called to order at 7:07 Eldridge presiding. Present Daugherty, McRobert, Irvin, Karlin, Clark, Carver, Herlihy, Pratt and Eldridge

Four others attending

The meeting began with a short discussion about encouraging participation in discussions about the charter. We questioned which types of publicity would draw town residents into the discussion. We discussed the need to assure that the discussion stayed focused on issues of government structure that are the mandate of the commission to address. We again questioned our time frame and concluded that we would reassess our progress in a few months to see whether a year time frame was adequate, that we would not force the shortened time if we were not prepared.

On motion of McRobert it was voted to divide the relevant Town Departments and Boards among the commissioners and ask for input to the 14 questions developed at the 7/14 meeting.

The rest of the meeting was devoted to making interview assignments.

The commissioners agreed to complete the questioning by our 9/22 hearing for collation by Chief Daugherty and that we would discuss the results at a subsequent meeting. We agreed to encourage public input at the 9/22 meeting.

Chair Eldridge agreed to e-mail the questions and assignments to the commissioners

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.