

Charter Commission Meeting 10/6/04

Hopkinton Charter Commission meeting, October 6, 2004

Meeting called to order at 7:07

All members present

Unanimous approval of minutes of 9/22/04 and 8/11/04

Survey responses: no clear preference for or against town manager in an early set of responses. Differences may fall along line of whether respondent is an employee or a board member.

Question about limiting the purview of a town meeting. E.g no capital items in a special town meeting.

Health agent wants to report to his board rather than a town manager

Coolidge: keep boards in current elective status

Kozak: his job has evolved at will of selectman but the changes have not been documented. He thinks that a town manager position could better clarify the job. He thinks there needs to be more attention to the budget process with a financial director (if affordable) and who to appoint and select.

Charter commissioners agreed to try to close responses to our questions and start collating the responses. Daugherty and Irvin will collate and review patterns with board. Awaiting some larger boards to meet to finalize.

Marie meeting with Trish Perry to explore ideas for encouraging and gathering public input.

Website preparation proceeding with Jim Cozzens. Still looking to engage the public. Some suggestions: On line forum. Posting questions and answers. Engage the people who gathered signatures to help gather public input,

Letter from Mass Municipal Managers Assn offering their input on professional administrative positions.

Daugherty will create a draft for our next meeting

Public comment: Eva Beede: should we consider an Ethics Commission?

Next meeting scheduled for Oct 27. Following meetings at Nov 3, Nov 17, Dec 1 and Dec 15, 2004.