

**Charter Commission
Minutes of April 6, 2005 Meeting**

Called to order at 7:05 pm. Marie Eldridge presiding. Present Daugherty, Irvin, Clark, Carver, Herlihy, Pratt

Motion to adjourn at 9pm approved.

Motion to approve March 16th and March 30th minutes approved.

Motion to approve a fee of \$280 to compensate Jim Cozzens for the maintenance of our website for 9/1/04 thru 3/31/05. Approved.

Marie will research how can get more funding if we need it and if we can incorporate our website into the town website to avoid future maintenance fees.

Marie met with Ted Kozak and Marge Wright to update the lists of appointed and elected positions. She will be sending each of us a copy.

Discussion of final countdown for the release of preliminary draft. The following dates were agreed upon:

May 25th – finalize preliminary draft

June 5th – Newspaper publication

June 15th – Public Hearing

Items still open:

Introduction

Article 6 – Budget Process

Article 7 – General Provisions

Article 8 – Transition Plan

Beth agreed to draft Article 7 by May 11th and Marie agreed to draft Article 8.

Questions from the public:

Nancy Peters, Chairman of the BOH, stated that she has no recollection of the BOH being contacted by any member of the Charter Commission. Gary did report that a questionnaire was completed by Nancy.

Review of Charter:

Article 5: Section 5-4 Discussion of need for Treasurer/Collector to be bonded. Possibly add to section 5-4 (i) Also add wording “by this charter, by-law or other town meeting vote.”

Assessor – Move to section 5-4 (k) change wording to reflect wording in section 5-4 (j)

Marie will ask Bill McRobert to contact the Board of Assessor and the Town Assessor for input regarding changing the Assessor's position to being appointed by Town Manager.

Article 6

Section 6-1 – no changes

Section 6-2 Change wording for Section (a) to reflect wording from Orlean's charter section 5-5-2

Section 6-2 (b) Change to 14 days

Section 6-3 add Town Manager in the blank spot.

9pm – Beth exits the meeting.

Committee identified need to complete Section 5, adding sections about tree warden, DPW, Personnel and Municipal Inspections.
Gary and Tom agreed to draft a section on the budget process

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.