BY-LAW/CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 13, 2023, 5:00 p.m.

Town Hall Small Hearing Room

Harwich MA 02645

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. In attendance were Sandra Hall, Chair; Linda Cebula; Deborah Sementa; and Carol Thayer. Guests: Dan Tworek, Finance Committee liaison and Jeff Handler, Select Board liaison.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The May 9, 2023, minutes were voted on and unanimously approved.
3. NEW BUSINESS
4. Chair Sandra Hall reviewed the Home Rule Procedures under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 43B with respect to formation of a new Charter Commission.
5. Committee member Linda Cebula presented a proposed draft letter to the Select Board regarding the possible additional committee to undertake a review of the charter and use the funds voted for a consult and approved at the 2022 Fall Town Meeting (Article 3) for $75,000 to be allocated for such consultant. There were recommended revisions that Ms. Cebula will incorporate prior to sending to the Select Board. In addition to the committee members agreement to send the letter, Select Board liaison Jeff Handler would like to see a consultant employed and is also in favor of the letter. Motion made by Committee member Carol Thayer to accept and send letter (including revisions) to Select Board, seconded by Deb Sementa. Vote was unanimously approved.
6. OLD BUSINESS
7. There were no new items for discussion with the Finance Committee.
8. The Committee discussed next steps and what should be included on future agendas, including reorganization of the Bylaw/Charter Review Committee.
9. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2023 @ 5:00 p.m. in Town Hall’s Small Meeting Room. The Golf Committee will be invited to the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Sementa

Recording Secretary