BY-LAW/CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 11, 2022, 5 p.m.

Town Hall Small Hearing Room

Harwich MA 02645

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. In attendance were Sandra Hall, Chair; Linda Cebula; Anita Doucette; Deborah Sementa; and Carol Thayer. Guests in attendance: Angelo Lamantia and Dan Tworek, Finance Committee liaisons.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The September 13, 2022, minutes were voted and approved.
3. INTRODUCE FINANCE COMMITTEE LIAISONS ANGELO LAMANTIA AND DAN TWOREK
4. NEW BUSINESS
5. A request of $75,000 for the funding of a consultant to review the Town’s current Bylaws is Article 3 on the Warrant at the Special Town Meeting to be held Tuesday, October 18. It should be noted that this review will not be addressing zoning bylaws and will not create a whole new charter. As noted at prior meetings, the idea of a consultant was suggested by Town Administrator Joe Powers. Copies of Article 3 were distributed to the Committee and guests. Dan Tworek will bring this issue to the Finance Committee.

Linda Cebula suggested a formal letter be written by the ByLaw/Charter Review Committee Chair to the Finance Committee with a copy to town Moderator Michael Ford outlining that the $75,000 request for funding does not include zoning bylaws or overhaul of the Charter. Motion made by Linda Cebula and seconded by Carol Thayer. The vote was unanimous.

1. There was general discussion on the need to schedule a Bylaw/Charter Review Committee meeting prior to the start of the Special Town Meeting. The Committee agreed to meet ½ hours prior on October 18.
2. The Annual Meeting with the Board of Selectmen is schedule for October 24, 2022. Chair Sandy Hall is going to ask if this meeting can be postponed after our next scheduled meeting on November 8.
3. OLD BUSINESS
4. The Committee continued its discussion on findings in reviewing charter, town code, and committee handbook. There is nothing new to report.
5. This Committee is scheduled to meet the second Tuesday of each month. Meetings are scheduled at 5:00pm for November 8 and December 13 for the remainder of the year. Town Administrator Joe Powers will be invited to the next meeting.
6. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Sementa

Recording Secretary