

Charter Review Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the 30th of June 2004.

Moderator Dan Silverman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Wellfleet Senior Center.

He gave us: A list of members.
A copy of the authorizing vote under Article 18.
Current Charter with amendments to date.
Introduction to Final Report of the original, 1984, Charter Commission.
Notes, interim and final reports of the '98/'99 Charter Review Comm.
Local charter procedures: adopt vs. amend.
Guidelines for drafting local Laws Mass AG Office; Bob Ritchie.
Open Meeting law guidelines.
Conflict of interest law guidelines, fact sheet and disclosure form.

The Moderator suggested to the Committee the Charter is a long duration document designed to be difficult to amend.

The Moderator suggested caution in considering changes to the Charter that are designed to deal with immediate or short-term issues. The Use of the By-Law process should be considered in this type of situation.

The Committee then organized.

On motion duly made and seconded Ben Gitlow was elected Chairman. He then took the chair.

On motion duly made and seconded Douglas Franklin was elected Vice Chairman.

On motion duly made and seconded Roger Putnam was elected Clerk.

A general discussion took place about process.

On motion duly made and seconded it was unanimously VOTED that all Committee meetings should last no more than two (2) hours.

It was stated by the Chairman that should the need for outside opinion be required it would be done through the Chair.

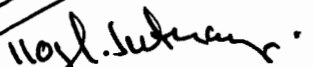
It was agreed that the Committee should meet regularly on the Second and Fourth Wednesday of each month, and further that the Chair would seek to have a regular venue established.

The Chair instructed the members of the Committee to read the material given them, and further come to the next meeting with any topics which they felt might deserve consideration.

The next meeting will be held the 14th of July.

Meeting adjourned 7:40 PM.

For the Committee


Roger L. Putnam, Clerk