



Town of Sturbridge

Sturbridge Charter Review Committee

Agenda

November 10, 2022

4:00 p.m.

Veteran's Hall, 2nd floor

Sturbridge Town Hall,

308 Main Street, Sturbridge, MA 01566

- Call to order at 4:02
- Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting
 - October 6, 2022 – KP, LM, WH voted to approve. PG and SS abstained.
- Old Business
 - Continued review of proposed revisions of the Sturbridge Town Charter
 - WH reformatted and revised document. LM joined him to review issues, and they made sure everything was covered.
 - Reviewed changes to the charter together.
 - Discussion of Recall Petition – what if Select Board members are being recalled? Then we should imposed those members recuse themselves. But what if entire Board is being recalled? Need to find an answer to who should handle duties set forth herein We recommend the Town Clerk – WH jotted down following language to be added to the Charter.”In the event that member(s) of the Select Board are the subject of a recall, the member(s) will recuse themselves from the duties delineated in the recall process. If all members of the Select Board are subject to simultaneous recall, then all duties required of the Select Board members shall be performed by the Town Clerk.”
 - Section 6-5 change “Two (2) voters who are not currently employed by the Town (who may be special employees may be appointed), appointed by the Town Administrator.”
 - Section 6-4-B -- No confirmation if no authority – use or for list
- New Business
 - WH will send draft Charter to Town Administrator to send to Town Attorney and also ask TA to review it herself and give us feedback.
 - Next week we can talk through our submittal letter
 - Wait for review of Town Attorney, then take final vote.
 - After that – we present to the Select Board
 - LM will draft submittal letter for discussion purposes for next week. Once we finalize letter, we should share it with the public.
 - Alternative date for scheduled December 15 meeting – will discuss next week

- Schedule date for next meeting(s)

- November 17, 2022
- December 1, 2022
- December 15, 2022

- Adjourn -Unanimously at 5:06

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