

**CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
MINUTES
February 3, 2020**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Dunlop, Judith Whiteside, Robert Fichtenmayer, Jacqui Nichols, Nan Evans, Mary Ann Silva and Holli Van Nest

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Kim Shaver-Hood

Call meeting to order

Whiteside called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll call

Van Nest read the roll call of members present.

Approval of minutes

Fichtenmayer moved that the minutes from the January 27, 2020 meeting be approved, seconded by Dunlop. Motion carried – 5-0-1.

New Business

Whiteside reviewed the 4 articles that had been submitted to the Select Board for inclusion in the Spring Town Meeting Warrant. The Select Board decisions were as follows:

1. To see if the Town will vote to make the position of Town Clerk an appointed position rather than an elected position, or take any other action relative thereto. Moved to accept by Nichols, seconded by Shaver-Hood. Approved by Select Board.
2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Charter Section 3-1 (a) to add the words 'Sewer Commissioners' after the words, 'a board of assessors,' or take any other action relative thereto. Moved to accept by Dunlop, second by Shaver-Hood. Approved by Select Board.
3. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Charter Section 3-9 Board of Road Commissioners by striking it in its entirety, or take any other action relative thereto. Moved to accept by Van Nest, seconded by Dunlop. Approved by Select Board to strike from Charter.
4. To see if the Town will amend the Town of Wareham By-laws by inserting a new Article IX Board of Road Commissioners as attached to the 1/27/20 agenda. Moved to accept by Nichols, seconded by Dunlop. Per the Town Counsel, under MA law, the Select Board are the Road Commissioners.

Votes were taken by the Committee as follows:

Section 8-4(a) – Van Nest moved to accept as is, seconded by Nichols. Approved 7-0-0.

Section 8-4(c) – Nichols moved to approve changes, seconded by Fichtenmayer. The changes are as follows:

Not more than 45 days following the election at which the charter is amended, the Select Board shall appoint a special committee of at least 3 members to review the existing by-laws of the town, in order to bring them into conformity with the provisions of this charter. Said committee shall file a report, with recommendations, at the following town meeting.

Approved 7-0-0.

Section 8-4(d) – Nichols moved to remove this Section, seconded by Evans. Approved 7-0-0.

Section 8-4(e) – Van Nest moved to accept as is, seconded by Nichols. Approved 7-0-0.

Section 8-4(f) – Silva moved to change the meeting to the “fourth Monday in October,” seconded by Nichols. Approved 7-0-0.

Section 8-4(g) – Nichols moved to remove the paragraph beginning “**Publication**,” seconded by Fichtenmayer. Approved 7-0-0.

Any other business

None at this time.

Adjournment

Dunlop moved to adjourn, seconded by Van Nest. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Holli Van Nest

February 10, 2020