

TOWN OF WAREHAM
CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

WAREHAM TOWN CLERK
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MEETING AGENDA

MONDAY January 6, 2020 6:30 PM ROOM 27, MEMORIAL TOWN HALL

- I. Call meeting to order**
- II. Roll Call**
- III. Approval of minutes**
 - A. Minutes of December 16, 2019, 2019
- IV. New Business**
 - A. Review and discuss Charter, By-Laws, Open Meeting Law and other documents in order to construct a plan of action to accomplish this committee's charge.
 - B. Review and discuss any other items or documents members feel appropriate with regard to review of Charter.
 - C. Review and discuss agenda and proposed action and discussions for meeting of 01/13/2020.
 - D. Possible vote on recommendations re Charter

See attached appendix for items for discussion and possible vote.
- V. Any other business**
- VI. Adjournment**

Agenda appendix for Meeting of Charter Review Committee. January 6th , 2020

Room 27, Wareham Town Hall

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The following sections of the Charter will be reviewed and discussed, with possible votes for changes as indicated:

Section 2-2 to add after the words 'town moderator' the phrase ' the duties shall fall to the deputy town moderator, and if that individual is unable to serve thereafter to the town clerk.'

The words 'and deputy town moderator, the town clerk' shall be stricken and replaced with 'this individual'

The amended and rewritten section will read

Section 2-2 Presiding Officer

A town moderator, chosen as provided in Section 3-4, shall preside at all town meetings, regulate the proceedings, decide all questions of order and make public declaration of all votes. In the event of the absence or the disability of the town moderator the duties shall fall to the deputy town moderator, and if that individual is unable to serve thereafter to the town clerk. This individual shall call the meeting to order and shall preside until a temporary town moderator is chosen, as prescribed in MGL Ch. 39, sect. 14.

Section 2-3 Time of Meeting

Strike the words 'during the last 4 calendar months,' and insert the words 'in October.'

Therefore the last sentence of the first paragraph shall read 'The second such meeting, which shall be the annual fall town meeting, shall be held in the month of October, at a time fixed by by-law.'

Section 2-4 Town Meeting Warrants

The title shall be amended to read 'Section 2-4 Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting Warrants.'

Section 2-5 is being rewritten for clarification by committee members, and will be presented for discussion and possible vote at the January 6, 2020 meeting.

Section 3-1

Strike the words 'town clerk' and add the words 'sewer commissioners' in their stead.

Section 3-2

Section 3-2 (a) strike all words ' and the compensation payable to selectmen shall be established accordingly.'

Section 3-2 (c) strike the words within parentheses (but not the town clerk and other elected officials).

Section 3-2 (d) Licenses

A separate schedule of who licenses what shall be provided to committee for clarification and discussion at the meeting.

Section 3-3 shall be reviewed by Ms. Shaver Hood, and presented at meeting for clarification, discussion and possible vote.

Section 3-5 shall be reviewed by Ms. Nichols and presented at meeting for clarification, discussion, and possible vote.

Section 3-7 shall be reviewed by Mr. Dunlop and presented at meeting for clarification, discussion, and possible vote.

Section 3-4 the words reading "In the town's absence" the scrivener's error shall be corrected to read 'the town moderator's.'

Section 3-6 Town Clerk shall be omitted in its entirety, as the recommendation is to make the position an appointed one. The Chair will confer with town counsel as to the correct and clear way to present this change. Vote is appropriate.

Section 3-9 Board of Road Commissioners shall be stricken in its entirety, as it properly belongs in by-laws. The Chair will confer with town counsel as to the correct and clear way to present this change. Vote is appropriate.

Section 4-1 Appointments etc.

Change '75 percent' to 'four (4) members'

Omit the words sentence 'The office of town administrator shall not be subject to the consolidated personal by-law, if any.'

Section 4-2 Powers and Duties

Section (a) change the word 'officers' to 'personnel.'

