

Charter Review Committee
Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall Conference Room
210 Main St., Northampton, MA 01060

Meeting Minutes

Present: Stan Moulton (ward 1), Robbie Sullivan (ward 2), Dylan Gaffney (ward 3), Sam Hopper (ward 4), Bob Boulrice (ward 5), Patty Healey (ward 6, arrived at 6:44 p.m.), Mollie Fox (ward 7, arrived at 6:44 p.m.), Lyn Simmons, former Chief of Staff (Executive Branch), City Councilor Bill Dwight (Legislative Branch, arrived at 6:44 p.m. and departed at 6:46 p.m.), Attorney Alan Seewald, City Solicitor (non-voting member)

The meeting opened at 6:38 p.m.

1) Approval of minutes for Nov. 19, 2019, meeting

Lyn Simmons moved approval of the November 19, 2019, meeting minutes. Sam Hopper seconded. The motion to approve the minutes as written passed unanimously 6-0.

Chair Moulton thanked Attorney Seewald for all the legal advice he provided along with his experience with past charter review committees.

Attorney Seewald stated he enjoyed working with everyone on the committee and applauded Chair Moulton for keeping track of loose ends and typing them all up at the end.

2) Recording of vote by Ward 7 representative Mollie Fox on executive summary of recommendations (see CRCEXECUTIVESUMMARY) and annotated copy of the charter (see CRCANNOTATEDCHARTER)

Councilor Dwight moved final approval of the executive summary of recommendations and the annotated copy of the charter. Sam Hopper seconded.

Councilor Dwight amended the motion on the floor and moved approval of the summary of recommendations and the annotated copy of the charter subject to Ward 7 representative Mollie Fox's vote.

Mollie Fox voted to approve the summary of recommendations and the annotated copy of the charter, thereby reaching a 9-0 unanimous vote.

Minutes were prepared from the December 5, 2019, meeting and were brought into the room for a vote.

Patty Healey moved approval of the December 5, 2019, meeting minutes. Sam Hopper seconded. The motion to approve the minutes of December 5, 2019, as written passed unanimously 8-0.

3) Adjourn

Sam Hopper moved to adjourn the meeting at 7 p.m. Robbie Sullivan seconded. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously 8-0.

Note: The committee then made a presentation to the City Council during its meeting at 7 p.m. in the City Council chambers.