Town of Wellfleet

Charter Review Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2017

Wellfleet Town Hall, Basement Meeting Room Present: Harry Terkanian, Barbara Cary, Helen Miranda Wilson, Denny O’Connell, Deborah Freeman , Roger Putnam, Paul Cullity

The meeting of the Charter Review Committee (“CRC”) was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chairperson Deborah Freeman.

It was moved, seconded and VOTED 7-0 to accept the Minutes of the CRC meeting of October 20, 2017, as amended.

Discussion

Helen Miranda Wilson and Paul Cullity presented their initial proof read and edit of the first two sections of the Charter. They had decided that the editing convention and template as set out in the *Chicago Manual of Style* will apply to the remainder of the Charter. The CRC concurred.

1. It was moved, seconded and VOTED 4-2-1 to reverse the changes made in the October 20, 2017 CRC meeting to Chapter 2, TOWN MEETING, Section 2-1, Composition, Quorum and Adjournment, subsections 2-1-1, 2-1-2 and 2-1-3, so that the subsections shall be restored to read “voters of the Town”.
2. It was moved, seconded and VOTED 7-0 to modify Chapter 2, TOWN MEETING, Section 2-2, Presiding Officer, subsection 2-2-3 to read as follows:

The Moderator shall appoint (a) the members and alternate members of the Finance Committee; (b) such members of the Cape Cod Regional Technical High School Committee as may be prescribed; and (c) such members of committees as voted by the Town Meeting.

1. It was the consensus of the CRC that no further votes be taken concerning minor edits, but apply only with regard to substantive changes going forward.
2. It was moved, seconded and VOTED 7-0 to delete subsection 2-8-3.

There followed general discussion of the most efficient approach to final editing of the Charter over the upcoming Holidays. Helen Miranda Wilson will be making handwritten edits based on the Chicago Guide; Denny O’Connell will enter these changes into the document for review at the next CRC meeting. The agenda will also include plans for having the edited draft reviewed by Town Counsel, review of the summary statement Deborah Freeman is drafting to preface presentation of the revised Charter for public input, and presentation of any final revised Charter to Town Meeting. Dan Silverman will provide his insight into how this process might best be conducted

The next meeting of the CRC will be held December 8, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.

It was moved, seconded and VOTED 7-0 that the Meeting be adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Cary

Clerk