

The Meeting of the Charter Committee held on Thursday February 1, began at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Selectmen's Conference Room.

Members Present: Marissa Ribeiro Dahan, Derek DeBarge, Linda Collette, Bill Rosenblum, Marty Fanning, Brian Bylicki, Jennifer Aldworth, George Costa, Kathy Green, Judy Breault, Michele Manganaro-Thompson, Christopher Pelletier

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Patricia Lloyd, Mel Kleckner

- I. 6:00 p.m. -Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Vote to approve the Minutes from January 18, 2024

Motion made by Ms. Collette to approve the Minutes from January 18, 2024. Mr. Rosenblum second. All in favor. Motion passed 12-0.

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III. Public Comment

- Comments are limited to three minutes.
- Written comments are welcome for submission at any time @ CharterCommittee@ludlow.ma.us

No visitors for public comment.

- IV. Debrief on conversations with Mayors from 1/18/2024.
- V. Roundtable discussion of mayor-council and council-manager forms of government.
- VI. Possible vote on moving forward with drafting charter language for a particular form of government.

Ms. Green is leaning towards Town Manager/Council. Ms. Breault is leaning towards Town Manger/Council. Ms. Aldworth is leaning towards Town Manager/Council. Mr. Costa is leaning towards Town Manager/Council. Mr. Bylicki is in favor of Town Manager/Council. Mr. Fanning is devil's advocate in the other direction. Mr. Pelletier agrees with Mr. Fanning but would be for consensus. Ms. Manganaro-Thompson is leaning towards Manager/Council. Mr. Rosenblum is leaning towards Town Manager/Council. Ms. Collette is leaning towards Manager/Council. Mr. DeBarge is leaning towards Manager/Council. Ms. Ribeiro Dahan is leaning towards Manager/Council.

Motion made by Mr. Bylicki for the Charter Committee to focus its efforts on the adoption of a Council/Manager form of government for the purposes of soliciting public input and preparing a detailed charter proposal for the consideration by the Select Board, Town Meeting and Ludlow voters. Ms. Manganaro-Thompson second. Roll Call. Ms. Breault-In Favor, Ms. Aldworth-

In Favor, Mr. Costa-In Favor, Mr. Bylicki-In Favor, Mr. Fanning-In Favor, Mr. Pelletier-In Favor, Ms. Manganaro-Thompson-In Favor, Mr. Rosenblum-In Favor, Ms. Collette-In Favor, Mr. DeBarge-In Favor, Ms. Ribeiro Dahan-In Favor. Motion passed 11-0.

VII. Discussion of next steps.

Ms. Ribeiro Dahan would like to start talking about public forum. Location, etc. Mr. Bylicki said we should have a public forum for the 90 new Town Meeting members and public. Mr. DeBarge would like to get mailers and help stuff & send them to residents or they can come up with an informational flyer and send them to the company who mails our tax bills and get them out with the May bills. Mr. Bylicki would prefer information does not go out with tax bill. Ms. Green would like to have a discussion at the Senior Center in March. Ms. Lloyd suggested they create a sheet with bullet points so everyone has access to a uniform way of recording feedback. Mr. Bylicki suggested the Chair write a letter to the Reminder and Register explaining what was done and we're looking for people to come forward. Mr. Pelletier suggested a FAQ page.

Motion made by Mr. Rosenblum to adjourn this meeting at 7:22 p.m. Mr. Pelletier second. All in favor. Motion passed 12-0.

Maissa Ribeiro Dahan _____ Chairman

Judy Bonnet _____

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