

The Meeting of the Charter Committee held on Thursday May 16, 2024, began at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of Selectmen's Conference Room.

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

Members Absent: Jennifer Aldworth

Also Present: Marc Strange, Town Administrator

I. 6:00 p.m. -Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Ribeiro Dahan is adding a meeting on May 30. July meetings will be on the 11th & 18th. Ludlow Cultural Council sent email to committee. They are having events and looking for them to have an information table. Another email from a resident came in with information for the committee to consider. Another email came in from the Planning Board outlining the work they do and that will be taken under advisement.

II. Vote to approve the Minutes from May 2, 2024

Motion made by Mr. Bylicki to approve minutes from May 2, 2024. Ms. Collette second. All in favor. Motion passed 10-0.

III. Public Comment

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

No visitors.

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IV. Update on Recent Public Events

Mr. Bylicki said there was an event Tuesday at the Veterans Center. Ludlow residents were the minority. Questions were about cost, difference between Mayor and Manager, next step process, why we want to stop Town Meeting and Town Manger residency requirement. Mr. Bylicki and Mr. Fanning went to Ludlow High School and met with 150+ students and staff in the auditorium. They asked similar questions and it went very well. Should think about doing it again in February, closer to voting.

V. Discussion & Possible Votes on Article VI

- Discussion with Town Administrator, Marc Strange

Ms. Ribeiro Dahan said the Finance Committee Chair was unable to attend tonight. Will try to make another meeting.

Mr. Strange said this is 2nd year working on a formal budget timeline. Would like to see a mandatory public meeting before beginning budget process. He discussed the budget timeline now vs proposed.

VI. Planning for Public Information Session

Ludlow High School has been reserved for Monday June 17 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Ribeiro Dahan will reach out to different Boards and Ms. Green will begin working on a slide deck and document to present.

Schedule for next meetings tentatively are May 3, June 6, June 20, July 11, July 18, 2024.

Motion made by Mr. Rosenblum to adjourn this meeting at 7:36 p.m. Ms. Collette second. All in favor. Motion passed 10-0.

Maïsse Ribeiro Dahan _____ Chairman

Kathy Green _____

Brian D. Zilich _____

Martin Fanning _____

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