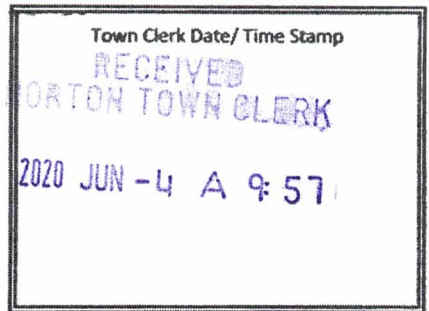




TOWN OF NORTON CHARTER COMMISSION

Monday, May 18, 2020
7:00 P.M.



Remote Participation Only (Public Welcome):

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Join via Phone(one tap mobile):

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Meeting ID: 843 0086 4405

~MINUTES~

1. **Call to Order: Roll Call, Ask / Announce Recording, Pledge of Allegiance**
The May 18, 2020 meeting of the Charter Commission was called to order at 7:06 PM, by Ms. Laura Parker, Chair.
Members Present: Ms. Janey Goodwin, Mr. Dave Heaney, Ms. Denise Luciano, Ms. Sandy Ollerhead, Mr. Kevin Schleicher, Ms. Kerry Snyder, and Mr. David Wrenn.
Ms. Luciano arrived at 7:13 PM.
Members Absent: Mr. Keith Silver
2. **Acceptance of prior meeting minutes**
Motion was made by Ms. Snyder to accept the minutes of May 4, 2020. Seconded by Ms. Goodwin. Vote: Ms. Goodwin - yes; Mr. Heaney - yes; Ms. Ollerhead - yes; Ms. Parker - yes; Mr. Schleicher - abstain; Ms. Snyder - yes; Mr. Wrenn - yes. MOTION CARRIES.
3. **Discussion of administrative items, if any**
Ms. Parker has not received a draft charter from Lauren Goldberg or anything further from Senator Feeney yet.
4. **Public Comment – Open forum**
No members of the public wished to speak.
5. **Discussion and potential vote(s) of Charter elements:**
 - a. **Citizen Participation options**
Ms. Parker spoke with Deniz Savas who was inclined to support including the school committee in the citizen participation measures. However, he is going to bring this back to the entire school committee to get their input.

The following exclusions from initiative and referendum measures were agreed upon:

- Proceedings related to the internal organization or operation of the Town Council or the School Committee
- The town budget as a whole
- Appropriation of funds to implement a collective bargaining agreement
- Revenue loan orders
- Appropriation for payment of debt or debt service
- Emergency measures
- Proceedings provided for the submission or referral of a matter to the voters at an election
- Proceedings relating to election, appointment, removal, discharge, employment, promotion, transfer, or demotion or other personnel action of

- employees or appointed or elected officials or members of multiple-member bodies, or any other action that is executive versus legislative in nature
- Any proceedings repealing or rescinding a measure or part thereof which is protested by referendum procedures
- Resolutions, memorial actions, citations, and other non-binding actions meant to convey a sense of the Council rather than to establish rules for the operation of government

Ms. Parker will get clarification and guidance from Lauren Goldberg on including the language "the School Committee budget as a whole" as an exclusion as well as whether there is a difference between "revenue loan orders" and "votes for the temporary borrowing of money in anticipation of revenue".

Recall Provisions

The following recall provisions were agreed upon by a majority of the commission:

- Must have been in office at least six months and have at least six months remaining on the term
- Can't attempt a second recall until six months after first recall election
- Affidavit of 100 voters
- Stated grounds for recall required
- 15% petition signatures required
- No minimum percentage of voters required at the election

There was continued discussion on whether a subject of recall should be able to appear on the ballot for re-election. Ms. Parker will ask Lauren Goldberg about the possibility of having a separate election after someone is recalled rather than filling the vacancy at the same election as the recall. Ms. Luciano suggested requiring the subject of a recall to pull papers in order to appear on the ballot.

It was agreed to remove the restriction that states that "no person who has been recalled from an office, or who has resigned from office following the filing of a recall petition... shall be appointed to any Town office within two years after such recall or such resignation".

6. Next Meeting: June 1, 2020

7. Adjournment

Motion was made by Ms. Goodwin to adjourn the Charter Commission meeting at 9:34 PM. Seconded by Mr. Heaney. Vote: Ms. Goodwin - yes; Mr. Heaney - yes; Ms. Luciano - yes; Ms. Ollerhead - yes; Ms. Parker - yes; Mr. Schleicher - yes; Ms. Snyder - yes; Mr. Wrenn - yes. MOTION CARRIES.

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Dandra M Ollerhead

Minutes approved by the Board or Committee on: 6/1/20

Chairman Signature: Lauren L Parker