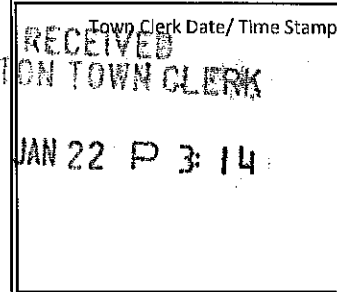




TOWN OF NORTON CHARTER COMMISSION

Board of Selectmen Meeting Room
Town Hall, 1st Floor

Monday, January 27, 2020
7:00 P.M.



~AGENDA~

1. Call to Order: Roll Call, Ask / Announce Recording, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Public Comment – Open forum
3. Acceptance of prior meeting minutes
4. Discussion of administrative items, as needed
5. Discussion of any further Information Gathering & Research, as needed
6. Discussion and potential vote(s) of Charter elements:
 - a. Decisions pertaining to the Legislative Branch
 - Number of members
 - Term of members
 - Staggered or en masse
 - Term Limits
 - Elected by precinct, at large or combination of both
 - How President is decided (e.g., separately elected, highest votes, voted by council)
 - Term of Council President
 - Role of Council President
 - o School committee seat?
 - o Powers and Duties
 - b. Decisions pertaining to the Executive Branch
 - Powers and Duties (weak or strong)
 - Appointment of / Qualifications
 - Acting Town Manager process / procedures
 - Removal / Replacement
 - c. Decisions relating to Finance Committee
 - Preserve?
 - Appointing authority
 - Number of members
 - Term of members
 - o Term limits
 - d. Decisions relating to Water and Sewer
 - Consolidation of departments in DPW?
 - If yes, does Executive branch serve as Commission?
 - If no, is Commission to appointed vs. elected?
 - e. Decisions related to Elections
 - Frequency
 - Term start date
 - f. Decisions related to Boards, Commissions and Committees

- Change in appointing mechanism
 - g. Decisions related to Citizen Participation options
 - Free Petition, Public Comment, both?
 - Initiative
 - Referendum
 - Recall
 - Other options?
 - h. Decisions related to Financial / Fiscal Provisions
 - i. Decisions related to Administrative Organization
 - j. Decisions related to General Provisions
 - k. Decisions related to Transitional Provisions
7. Education and public outreach ideas – continuing discussions, if needed
8. Topics not reasonably anticipated 48 hours in advance
9. Next Meeting: February 3, 2020
10. Action Items: Clerk to review
11. Adjournment

Please note that it is possible that a vote or votes may be taken by the Charter Commission regarding the above agenda items. Also note that agenda items may not be addressed / decided in the order presented and not all items may be addressed in the meeting.

Members may participate remotely in accord with the provisions of 940 CMR 29.10 and the Town's Remote Participation Policy, available for review on the Town's website at: <https://www.nortonma.org/board-selectmen>