

The Meeting of the Charter Committee held on Thursday February 15, 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, George Costa, Kathy Green, Judy Breault, Michele Manganaro-Thompson, Christopher Pelletier

Members Absent: Jennifer Aldworth

Also Present: Patricia Lloyd, Mel Kleckner

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

II. Vote to approve the Minutes from February 1, 2024

**Motion made by Mr. Bylicki to approve the Minutes from February 1, 2024. Mr. Rosenblum second. All in favor. Motion passed 11-0.**

III. Public Comment

- Comments are limited to three minutes.
- Written comments are welcome for submission at any time @ [CharterCommittee@ludlow.ma.us](mailto:CharterCommittee@ludlow.ma.us)

No visitors for public comment.

Memorandums from Collins Center

IV. Discussion and possible votes on Legislative Branch

- Composition

Ms. Ribeiro Dahan asked for a show of hands who would vote for 7 councilors all at large. All raised their hands.

Ms. Ribeiro Dahan stated that holding the election the same time as the presidential election is not likely to get approved in the charter.

- Term of Office

Ms. Ribeiro Dahan asked for a show of hands who would support 3-year terms. All but Mr. DeBarge and Mr. Bylicki are in favor. They are in support of 4-year terms. All in favor of staggered terms.

- Qualifications for Office
- Prohibitions for Holding Office

Ms. Ribeiro Dahan asked for a show of hands of those in favor of members may not hold any other elected office. All raised their hands.

Ms. Ribeiro Dahan asked for a show of hands of those in favor of members may not hold any other employed town position. All but Ms. Manganaro-Thompson in favor.

No one is in favor of restricting volunteer positions.

All in favor of residency requirement and being a registered voter.

- Compensation

Ms. Ribeiro Dahan has questions and would like to table until they can speak to Collins Center.

V. Discussion on Council Leadership, Clerk, Election, Term and Powers.

Mr. Fanning would like to speak with council members and presidents. Ms. Dahan Ribeiro asked if he could reach out to them.

VI. Discussion of Preamble draft.

Mr. Pelletier volunteered to write the 1<sup>st</sup> draft.

VII. Planning for Public Forums.

Ms. Ribeiro Dahan is looking to fill time slots for the table at the First Night event.

Ms. Green said there will be a forum at the Senior Center sometime in March.

**Motion made by Ms. Collette to adjourn this meeting at 7:45 p.m. Mr. Rosenblum second. All in favor. Motion passed 10-0.**

Maisie Ribeiro Dahan Chairman  
Judy Beaulieu  
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Brian O. Ghel.  
Martin Fanning  
George Costa  
Linda J. Collette

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