

Town Of Marshfield  
Charter Review Committee Meeting Minutes  
Seth Ventress Building Auditorium  
March 23, 2016 – 7:04 P.M.

**Present:** William Bowers, Bruce Spitler, Barbara Farnsworth, Donald Gibson, Jonathan Grabowski, Daniel Burke, Dr. Scott Borstel, Alyssa (McNamara) Reed and Steven Robbins

**Present Remotely:** Robert Marzelli

**Old Business**

Mr. Robbins, Selectman, reported that e-mail for the CRC has been established on the town's web site, and the address is [CRC@TownofMarshfield.org](mailto:CRC@TownofMarshfield.org). Also, the CRC's web site will be in the town's website under Committees. Mr. Robbins will have John Nash get in touch with Mr. Bowers to finalize the installation and provide a password.

Mr. Burke and Mr. Spitler reported on their conversations with the towns of the Wellesley, Norwell, Sandwich and Falmouth pertaining to their charter review committees.

Ms. Reed and Ms. Farnsworth had volunteered to attend budget meetings and will report to the Committee at the next meeting.

Ms. Farnsworth reported on the study done in the town of Hingham to improve their government. Hingham does not have a charter and they use by-laws and town meeting voting to run their town. Hingham allocated \$10,000 for their survey, but it wasn't spent. There were 400 responses to the survey. In the end, Hingham strengthened the position of the Town Administrator and revised the quorum.

There was a consensus that the Chairperson, Mr. Bower, should be the one to answer any questions from the public or the media and be responsible to respond to e-mails that are received from the survey to ensure that the Committee speaks as one voice.

**New Business**

The Committee revisited the survey and made the following changes: to the Introduction; questions 2 and 4; added a new question 9; question 9 became 10; 10 became 11; 11 became 12; 12 became 13; added a new question 14; 14 became 15;

15 became 16; 16 became 17; 17 became 18; 18 became 19; and 20 became question 21. Dr. Borstel will make the changes to the survey and print out copies for the Committee's next meeting at which time we shall vote on them.

Mr. Gibson moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM, Mr. Spitler seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**Next meeting**

Thursday, April 7, 2016, 7:00 PM, Seth Ventress Building Auditorium

Respectfully Submitted,

Maria Hebert, Secretary