

Charter Committee Meeting Minutes for July 20,2023

Present :Melissa Bye,Barbara Cormier, Douglas Miner (via Zoom), Brigitte Ruthman,Jonathan Sylbert- ex officio

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am.

Discussed the recent draft changes to the Charter recommended by the Collins Center.

Committee agreed to keep the language consistent throughout the Charter regarding appointed committee membership residency requirements. Rather than referring to a resident's voting eligibility, the committee agreed the Charter should read " full or part-time resident".

Discussed who should be on the Finance Committee appointment committee.

Discussed whether the Charter Committee should pose the following question at the public hearing : "Should the town consider an elected 3 member Finance Committee?" The reasoning being, that filling and maintaining the required 5 member appointed body can be difficult.

Discussed the article to The Sandisfield Times. The article will reflect the language used in the Charter that refers to residents as either full or part-time rather than by their voting eligibility.

Agreed to have a final meeting before the August 11 public hearing on July 27th at 10:00 am.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Bye