

Dedham Charter Review Advisory Committee

Tuesday, April 13

7 pm

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Attending:

Carmen Dello Iacono

Tom Ryan

Michelle Apuzzio

Lance Hartford

Michele Heffernan

Gemma Martin

Absent:

Andrew Haley

Chairman Dello Iacono called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss which items to continue pursuing for the final report/recommendations to the Selectboard.

First, it was agreed that the executive summary might include a recommendation for the selectboard to consider an elected charter commission to explore whether Dedham might pursue a different form of government.

The committee unanimously decided to continue pursuing these potential changes:

1. Department head reporting structure
 - a. The goal is to develop a system that integrates both elected boards/committees and the town manager into department head supervision.
 - b. Board/committee would set policies/goals and budget.
 - c. Town manager is day to day support to make sure dept is working toward implementing those policies/goals.
 - d. It would be a joint effort to hire and review department heads.
2. Appointment of town clerk
3. Warrant book and town meeting changes (curfew/cutoff time, etc)
4. Annual goal setting and reporting

The committee unanimously decided to NOT to pursue these potential changes:

1. Change to the way the Finance and Warrant Committee is appointed
2. Planning board term length
3. Size of selectboard
4. Term limits of elected officials

The next meeting was not scheduled as the chair has asked to have it in person and is waiting to find out if that is a possibility.

Ms. Heffernan made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Hartford. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

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