

City of Gardner
Gardner, MA 01440

GARDNER CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2014

The Gardner Charter Review Committee met in the First Floor Conference Room at City Hall on March 11, 2014 to review the changes made to the charter before presenting this document at a Public Forum on March 12, 2014.

Present: Andrew N. Boucher, Chair; Stephen McGoldrick, Consultant to the Committee; Leonette Roy, Vice Chair; Arthur E. Young; Al Lafreniere; David Curran; Cleo Monette; Edward Yablonski; and Tanya Barnett, Secretary.

Absent: Patricia Jandris, Charles Leblanc

Minutes of February 27, 2014 were approved as written.

The following recommendation summary will be presented at the public forum by the following members of the Committee:

City Council and Finances Sections – Cleo Monette
Mayoral Section and Elections Sections – Edward Yablonski
School Committee and Voter Participation Provisions Sections – Vice Chair Leonette Roy
Organization of City Operations and Timeline Sections – Al Lafreniere
Prohibitions Charter and Ordinance Review Sections – Arthur Young

The Committee members reviewed the documents for any final changes.

Section 3.3 (...section 2-10, all department heads...). Change needs to be made in Section 2-10 to read: (...as Department head or a member of a multiple-member body.)

Section 7-2. The time should be changed from 5 o'clock to 4 o'clock.

Section 2-1. Second sentence the numeral '6' should be written out to begin the sentence.

Section 2-3. Line 15, take out the underscore under words 'city who'.

Section 3-3. Line 11 rephrase to correspond with Section 2-10 correction.

Mr. McGoldrick will take care of the corrections and resend the final documents to all Committee members.

Most of the language used to write this charter comes from the Attorney General. The Committee recognized Chair Boucher for an article written by him in the paper. Chair Boucher stated that the Public Forum will not be a debate-type meeting—only informational in nature.

Suggestion was made to have fifty copies of Final Recommendation Summary as well as fifty copies of the Final Recommendations For A Special Act Charter available to the public at the March 12, 2014 Forum.

The wrap-up meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2014 at 5:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Tanya Barnett, Secretary
Minutes approved April 1, 2014