

City of Gardner
Gardner, MA 01440

GARDNER CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
Public Forum Meeting Minutes
Held in the City Council Chamber
March 12, 2014

Committee Members Present: Chair Andrew Boucher, Vice Chair Leonette Roy, Arthur Young, Cleo Monette, Edward Yablonski, Al Lafreniere and Secretary Tanya Barnett.

Committee Members Absent: Charles LeBlanc, Patricia Jandris, David Curran.

Chair Boucher opened the meeting with a welcome to all present. The Chairman introduced and gave some background information of each committee member.

The following committee members presented the recommendation summaries: Cleo Monette presented the City Council and Finances Sections; Edward Yablonski presented the Mayoral and Elections Sections; Vice Chair Leonette Roy presented the School Committee and Vote Participation Provisions Sections; Al Lafreniere presented the Organization of City Operations and Timeline Sections; and Arthur Young presented the Prohibitions Charter and Ordinance Review Sections.

After the presentation by the Committee Members, the meeting was opened up for comments from the public. The following offered comments: Councilor Hardern, Former Councilor Dembrosky, Carol Bailey, Former Council President Alice Anderson, Former Councilor Ed Gravel, and the current Council President James Walsh. All stated that they were not in favor of this document; and, this proposal does not allow for checks and balances. All thanked the Committee for serving.

Mayor Hawke expressed his appreciation to the Committee. He was favorable to the changes that were made as well as how quickly this work was accomplished.

No more speakers came forward. The public forum closed at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Tanya Barnett
Secretary
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