

City of Gardner
Gardner, MA 01440

GARDNER CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
March 24, 2014

The Gardner Charter Review Committee met in the Mayor's Office at City Hall on March 24, 2014 to discuss and review the final document to be presented to the City Council.

Present: Chair Andrew Boucher, Vice Chair Leonette Roy, Patricia Jandris, Charles LeBlanc (via telephone), Al Lafreniere, Arthur Young, Ed Yablonski, Stephen McGoldrick, David Curran, Cleo Monette, and Tanya Barnett, Secretary.

Guest: Council President James Walsh

The Chairman informed the committee that approximately 20 people attended the public forum. He also stated that Council President Walsh spoke against the proposed charter changes and that Mayor Hawke spoke for the proposed changes.

Mr. Young, Ms. Roy, and Mr. Lafreniere expressed frustration with the process of changing the charter. Discussion was held about the various points. Mr. McGoldrick stated that most of this was standard-type document. The only new item was the Election Section.

A transmittal letter to the City Council was reviewed and discussed. Some changes will be incorporated and the letter re-drafted by Mr. McGoldrick before it will be transmitted to the Council. The City Council will then review the whole document paragraph by paragraph and decide what is to be changed.

Mr. McGoldrick will re-draft the transmittal letter for our review before it goes to the City Council.

No further business coming before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 3:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Tanya Barnett
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