

Harwich Voter Information Committee
Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 4:30 pm
Channel 18 Studio, Harwich Community Center
100 Oak St., Harwich MA 02645

Minutes

1. Call to order/attendance
 - a. Called to order at 4:32 p.m.
 - b. Present: Tricia Murray, Amy Jalbert, Joy Jordan; Absent: Emily Milan, Pauline Teas
2. Public Comment
 - a. No one present for public comment
3. Approval of December 18, 2024, minutes
 - a. Unanimously approved 3-0
4. Update from Pauline on VIC website
 - a. Submitted in her absence - Pauline spoke to Sarah Eaton, IT director who advised that any changes must be done by town staff. Committee can let her know and she will update the information
 - b. Committee reviewed the VIC website on the town site and it looks to be largely up to date and complete
 - c. Any new events can be added as they occur
5. Update from Emily/Tricia on list of Committee Chairs for possible interviews by VIC to share openings/opportunities
 - a. Update submitted by Emily: She checked with Jamie and the Harwich Channel is available to record sessions Mondays at 10am and Tuesdays at 4:15ish
 - b. Seven committees have responded: Energy and Climate Action, Treasure Chest, Real Estate and Open Space, Affordable Housing Trust, Board of Appeals, Cultural Council
 - c. Water and Wastewater are elected so cannot participate but complemented the effort

- d. Tricia will ask Chris Joyce if she could also help do some of the interviews, since the times available are hard for 4 of the 5 VIC members due to work schedules
 - e. Is there someone at Harwich Channel who can interview the committee members?
 - f. Use the same questions for each committee to maintain consistency and fairness
 - g. Tricia will follow up with the committee reps who have responded and try to get it scheduled for possible Monday January 27
 - h. Consider having VIC rep also be interviewed as part of this series
 - i. Tricia did also invite the Select Board to be a part of it to discuss the committee interview process, waiting to hear back from Don Howell as Michael MacAskill is not available
6. Update from Tricia on the committee's annual report to the Select Board
- a. Tricia did submit it with the changes discussed at the December meeting
 - b. Natasha at Town Hall confirmed receipt
 - c. Still awaiting a date for VIC to present its report to the Select Board at one of its meetings
 - d. Will determine which committee members can attend once the date is set
7. New business
- a. No new info on Town Meeting issues or on contested elections
 - b. Next meeting is February 19 which is during school vacation - Tricia will send an email to see if it's a conflict for anyone
8. Adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Authorized posting officer

Posted by

Joy Jordan

VIC Clerk

Town Clerk's Office

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