**MINUTES**
**CHARTER COMMISSION FOR THE TOWN OF HARWICH**
**HARWICH TOWN HALL, SMALL MEETING ROOM**
**732 MAIN STREET, HARWICH, MA 02645**
**THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026 - 6:30PM**

**MEMBERS PARTICIPATING:** Linda Cebula,Chair, Sandra Hall, Vice Chair, Jon Chorey, Treasurer, Herb Bell and Richard Waystack

**MEMBERS NOT PARTICIPATING:** Judith Underwood and Brendan Lowney

**ALSO PARTICIPATING:** Jay McGrail, Town Administrator

**1. Call to order**

Ms. Cebula called the meeting of the Charter Commission for Harwich to order on Wednesday, July 16, 2026 at 6:30PM. The Chair declared a quorum.

**2. Approval of regular minutes for 07/09/2026 (no meeting 07/02/2026)**

Ms. Hall moved to approve the regular minutes for 07/09/2026. Seconded by Mr. Waystack.

Vote: 5:0 in favor. Motion carried.

**3. Continuing Business Discussion/Possible votes**
**Continuing discussion on draft red line**

Ms. Cebula noted the proposed Charter changes regarding the language for Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting with new language to include regular, the spring and the fall meeting.

Ms. Cebula noted that members of the two Select Boards will be meeting with the School Committee to discuss the Monomoy Agreement as a working group. She noted that per legal opinion, members of the Finance Committee would be allowed to participate in the working group. She asked for feed back on adding language in the Charter regarding working groups. She asked members to consider 9.1.4 for a discussion at next week's meeting.

**Capital Plan**

**Taken out of order.**

Ms. Cebula noted that they would be discussing Chapter 9, the Capital Plan. Martha Donovan and Scott Norum of the Capital Outlay Committee were present and joined the discussion.

Ms. Cebula began with 9.5.1 and requested feedback for each item and she progressed through the chapter. For each suggestions for changes, all participants discussed the changes until language was agreed upon by voting members. There was a lengthy decision regarding 9.6.6 and the two thirds vote resulting in some language changes and the two thirds vote remaining.

Ms. Cebula continued through Chapter 9, one item at a time for discussion. She also explained next steps and the time line moving forward with the proposed Charter.

Mr. McGrail, Ms. Donovan and Mr. Norum exited the meeting at 7:40PM.

**4. Any other topic that may come before the Commission**

**5. Public comments**

**6. Adjourn**

Mr. Waystack moved to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Hall.

Vote: 5:0 in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:49PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judi Moldstad
Board Secretary