MINUTES
CHARTER COMMISSION FOR THE TOWN OF HARWICH
HARWICH CHANNEL STUDIO, COMMUNITY CENTER
100 OAK STREET, HARWICH, MA 02645
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026 - 6:30PM

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

MEMBER PARTICIPATING REMOTELY: Judith Underwood

1. Call to order

Ms. Cebula called the meeting of the Charter Commission for the Town of Harwich to order on Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 6:30PM. The Chair declared a quorum.

2. Approval of regular minutes for July 30, 2026

Ms. Hall moved to approve the regular minutes for July 30, 2026. Seconded by Mr. Waystack.

Vote: 6:0 in favor. Motion carried.

3. Continuing Business
Possible vote of draft Charter
Review of preliminary report
Other topics for current draft

Ms. Cebula noted that the lawyers had been asked to look specifically at Chapters 5 and 7. The lawyers had sent a response to those as well as made additional comments on other sections.

Ms. Underwood joined the meeting at 6:32PM.

Ms. Cebula noted that she had sent the lawyers' responses dated August 11th to all members via email. Not all members received the information. She began the conversation reading an email she had received that day from Scott Norum regarding Chapter 9, specifically 9.66 and the 2/3rds vote.

Members discussed and agreed upon a language change in 9.66 for clarification purposes.

Ms. Cebula suggested and members agreed to continue the discussion regarding the Harrington Heath responses to next week's meeting for those who had just received the email. Members agreed to respond to future emails to acknowledge that it had been received.

Ms. Cebula continued the discussion with the draft report, asking members for feedback.

Members offered suggestions regarding format, language changes- additions and eliminations, spelling and punctuation.

Ms. Hall offered to add bullets to the draft before the next meeting.

Ms. Cebula noted agenda items for next week including a review of the second draft of the report and the Harrington Heath letter. She also asked all members to review draft 6 of the Charter.

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: 7:0 in favor by roll call vote. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judi Moldstad
Board Secretary