

CHARTER COMMISSSTON FOR TOWN of HARWTCH
Public hearing June 25, 2025
Harwich Town Hall, Small Meeting Room, 732 Main Street Harwich MA 02645

Present: Sandy Hall, Jon Chorey, Herb Bell, Judith Underwood, Lou Urbano, Richard Waystack, Toni London, Linda Cebula Absent Paul Doane

The Public Hearing was opened at 602pm by Chair Cebula. Clerk London read the hearing notice:

*The Harwich Charter Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 25, 2025 starting at 6:00 PM, in the Town Hall Griffin Room, 732 Main Street, Harwich, MA pursuant to MGL c43B Section 9 for the purpose of obtaining testimony concerning the current Town Charter.
Any member of the public is invited to attend and provide comments to the Commission. Written comments may be provided in advance by sending the comments to Harwich Town Hall, c/o Charter Commission, 732 Main Street, Harwich MA 02645.*

Chair Cebula explained the purpose of the public hearing : for the Commission members to hear testimony on the existing Harwich Charter. The purpose of the hearing was for the members to listen to the public.

One person encouraged the Commission to delve into the serious topics: number of select board members, roles and title of the town administrator.

One person noted that over the years the number of times that have seen interpretations of the charter by legal counsel and select board in ways that did not seem to be consistent with the charter language.

Both expressed praise for the members for stepping up to serve on this important undertaking.

With no further speakers, the public hearing was closed.

Motion to close the public hearing and adjourn by Richard Waystack, 2nd by Lou Urbano. Meeting adjourned at 609 p.m

Minutes by L Cebula approved ____ 07 17 2025 _____