

Town Charter Revision Commission Meeting – Thursday, May 16, 2024

Public Comments

In-Person:

1. **Robert Dickinson, 400 Seabury Drive** recommended consideration of the following changes to the Town Charter:
 - Listing of election candidates in alphabetical order
 - Rank choice voting – no mention of party affiliation for the candidates, easier for an unaffiliated person to get on the ballot and get elected through the partitioning system.
2. **David Baram, 5 Warbler Circle** submitted his proposed suggested changes to the Town Charter (See attached). Being the former Co-Chair of the Charter Revision Commission in 2006, Mr. Baram extended the invitation for any advice or assistance needed during this process.
3. **Rickford Kirton, 7 Hickory Lane** expressed deep concern regarding proposed changes to the Town Charter as outlined by the Council and allies of Mayor Wong. These changes do not positively impact the lives of the residents. He noted that this is an attempt to consolidate power for this elected position. Mr. Kirton also mentioned that the essence of a charter revision should be to enhance the democratic process to ensure transparency and improve the overall governance of our community. He urged a committee to reconsider these proposed revisions and to prioritize the well-being and interest of all residents. We need a charter that empowers our community, fosters trust in our local government and upholds democratic values we all cherish.