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Dedham Town Charter Review Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
December 10, 2019  
Town Manager's Office, Dedham Town Hall

Committee Members Attending:

Carmen Dellolacono Jr., chair  
Tom Ryan, vice chair  
Michelle Apuzzio  
Lance Hartford  
Gemma Martin

Others Attending:

Brian Keaney  
Tom Polito  
Maryanne Sliwa

Committee Members Absent:

John Healy, secretary  
Andrew Haley

Carmen Dellolacono called the meeting to order at 6:08 pm.

Members of the last charter review — Tom Polito and Brian Kearney — attended at the chair's invitation to give an overview and insight of the last review. They stated the following:

- They conducted the review on page by page basis without skipping sections but did make exceptions to fully cover certain committees (e.g. school committee) that are mentioned multiple times in the charter.
- Some of their recommendations did not pass. These included:
  - five-year term for the town clerk
  - recommendation to have all department heads report to the Town Manager. Presently all but two department heads report to the Town Manager.
  - Term limits for elected officials
  - Charter enforcement committee

There was a discussion among past and present committee members about the current Town Meeting process, including the warrant information that is given to Town Meeting members in advance, and the state-mandate town report which has not been issued in some time. The committee agreed to discuss these items further at a later meeting.

The committee approved the briefing/preparation document that would be sent to Town Manager Leon Goodwin in advance of his appearance before the committee on January 8. In addition to the Jan. 8 meeting, the committee will meet with the select board on January 29 and the moderator on February 12. February 26 will be a general committee meeting to examine pages at the beginning of the charter (pages TBD) and the public hearing will be set for March 11.

At 7:46 pm, Lance Hartford made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Gemma Martin and unanimously approved.

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