

**BARNSTABLE COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES
CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES
October 2, 2019**

Call to Order

The Charter Review Committee (CRC) meeting convened at the Eastwing Conference Center, 3195 Main Street Rt. 6A, Barnstable, Massachusetts and was called to order at 5:20 p.m. by Committee Chair E. Suzanne McAuliffe.

Attendance

Present: Mary Chaffee, J. Terence Gallagher, Lilli-Ann Green, Elizabeth Harder, Christopher Kanaga, James Killion, Suzanne McAuliffe, Deborah McCutcheon, Susan Moran, Thomas O'Hara, John Ohman, Brian O'Malley, Randi Potash (left at 5:45 p.m.), Patrick Princi, Linda Zuern.

Charter Counsel Robert Troy in attendance.

Approval of 9/18/19 CRC Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Susan Moran to approve the draft minutes. It was seconded.
Unanimous.

Summary of Topics for Consideration and Charter Section 3

Chair McAuliffe recommended consideration of a potential proposal to create efficiency and streamline county government using Dukes County as a model (reference Massachusetts General Law Chapter 34A Section 18). The Chair provided an overview, rationale and reasons why this type of governmental model could work for the county and suggested scheduling a public comment session at a future meeting to allow the public to comment on this model.

In summary, the proposed Dukes County model would eliminate and replace the elected Board of Regional Commissioners with an appointed strong county manager at the Executive Branch level. The Assembly of Delegates would continue as the Legislative Branch and assume policy making responsibilities. This type of change would require submission as a legislative petition.

Charter Counsel Troy responded to questions regarding oversight and how a transfer of responsibilities and duties could work if the county transitioned from an elected board of commissioners to a strong executive and legislative form of government using Dukes County as a potential model.

Committee members exchanged ideas, expressed opinions, pros and cons, and discussed examples of various governance models including opinions that no change to the current structure is necessary.

Consensus of committee members was to schedule public comment and continue committee discussion on governance models at the next meeting.

New Business

No new business was brought forward.

Next meeting

Next meeting date set for Wednesday, October 16, 2019 @ 4:30 p.m. to include opportunity for public comment.

Adjournment

Motion made by Susan Moran to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Unanimous.

Submitted by:

**Janice O’Connell, Clerk
Assembly of Delegates**

List of materials used at the meeting:

- **10/2/19 meeting notice and agenda**
- **9/18/19 draft meeting minutes**
- **MGL Chapter 34A Section 18**
- **County Home Rule Charter Section 3**