Call to Order
The Charter Recall Provision Subcommittee meeting convened at the Eastwing Conference Center, 3195 Main Street Rt. 6A, Barnstable, Massachusetts and was called to order at 2:35 p.m. by Committee Chair Susan Moran.

Attendance
Present: Mary Chaffee, Elizabeth Harder, and Susan Moran.
Absent: Deborah McCutcheon.

Charter Counsel Robert Troy also in attendance.

Summary of Continued Discussion Regarding Exploration of a Charter Recall Provision
Chair Moran suggested the committee start to consider the practical aspects and options for consideration of a recall provision that could be recommended to the Charter Review Committee. The committee felt it would be helpful and requested the Clerk create a summary of actions chart that would reflect the steps and actions considered and taken by the Charter Review Committee and the Recall Subcommittee.

Charter Counsel has identified and confirmed with the Assembly Clerk the following dates:
6/3/19 – for Charter change amendments voted by the Assembly
8/5/19 – for questions on the state ballot relating to composition, mode of election etc.
It is desirable to ascertain what the practical deadline would be for the state legislature to act if necessary.

Committee Member Harder felt that now would be an appropriate time to move forward with a recommendation due to the vote taken by the Charter Review Committee on 11/6/19 to retain the current structure of a 3 member board of regional commissioners within the executive branch. There are no other structural changes being considered during this Charter Review cycle.

Committee Member Harder suggested any recall provision should be applicable to both the legislative and executive branch. Committee Member Chaffee pointed out that a two year term is too short a cycle to practically support a special recall election. It was suggested that terms for Assembly Delegates could be changed to four years versus two and would provide parity of terms of office for delegates and commissioners and offer a practical approach to the recall process. Terms of delegates could also be staggered to eliminate potential large turnovers of delegates.

Committee Member Chaffee suggested any recall provision identify a purpose and parameters for a recall. The Clerk will forward workable versions for committee consideration at a future meeting and will forward a copy of the county’s oath of office to Member Chaffee as requested.

In addition to amending the Charter to establish a recall provision it was also mentioned that the Charter could be amended to include a censure provision with established parameters. It was determined that recommending a censure provision would be outside of the scope of the charge
of the subcommittee at this time. Censure might be considered by the Charter Review Committee.

Motion made by Member Chaffee to draft a recall provision that can be presented to the Charter Review Committee for its consideration. It was seconded.
Approved. 3-0-0.

Motion made by Member Chaffee to make the recall provision applicable to the legislative and executive branch contingent upon the term of an Assembly Delegate being lengthened to four years. It was seconded.
Approved 3-0-0.

Next Meeting
No specific date was set for the next meeting.

Adjournment
Motion made by Member Harder to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 p.m. Unanimous.

Submitted by:

Janice O’Connell, Clerk
Assembly of Delegates