

Charter Commission Meeting to Receive Public Input on the Work of the Commission

July 2, 2009

The commission wants to hear input from the public on any aspect of the work of the Charter Commission.

The Commission will review optional forms of government and select one to propose, including amendment of the existing Official Ballot Town Meeting defined by our existing charter.

The possible forms of government are:

- a. City with strong mayor and aldermen or council
- b. City with manager instead of a mayor, and a City Council
- c. Town Council – Town Manager (Substantially like a city with manager)
- d. Official Ballot Town Council with Town Manager (Some items voted on by official ballot instead of the Town Council)
- e. Official Ballot Town Meeting, Selectmen, Town Manager (**What we have now**)
- f. Traditional Town Meeting with Selectmen and Town Manager (Government of a Town without a charter)

Possible things you might want to comment on (Completely your choice)

What do you think about participation in the existing town meeting?

Do you usually attend the Open Town Meeting sessions? (There is usually less than 5% participation in open Town Meeting Sessions.)

Do you usually vote in the Town Elections? (About 20% usually vote in Town Elections.)

What do you like about the existing form of government?

How could the Town Government be improved?

What else would you like the Charter Commission to Consider?