GTF: Charter Sub-Task Force Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 21, 2022

Attendees: Ray Seigfried, Steve Benigni, Barbara Macklem, and Lynda Kolski

Meeting called to order by Ray at 7:33 Buzz Ware

Minutes from the March meeting were reviewed and approved.

The focus of this meeting was to review Sections 1 and 2 of the charter.

Steve Benigni presented several questions about both of the charter sections. His first question was whether the task force had the authority to change the charter based on Section 1. After a discussion concerning Steve’s question, it was understood that Arden did have the authority to change the charter. Next, Ray reviewed the process on a state level of how charter changes are approved and his experiences voting for charter changes.

Section 2 identifies the geographic boundaries of Arden as it was when the charter was submitted. Since then, Arden has acquired new land. Barbara Macklem reviewed the original description closely and said it appears to be correct. We generally agreed that the current definition of the land boundary was sufficient—discussion took place as to how the additional land would be added to this section. After much review, it was decided that all other lands would be added by amending the existing description of our boundary. Linda Kolski supported this process because it would preserve the original definition of Arden and allow each new addition to exist as a separate amendment. The Sub-Task Force recommendation is to add two recent amendments to section 2, [a] that would identify the Avery purchase and the Schroeder purchase. Each amendment would have the following information; a survey would define the land boundary to be added. It would provide the date of purchase, the number of acres contained in the new addition, and the total acres that make up Arden with this new land. All future land acquired would be added to Section 2 [a] by amendment.

Our next meeting in May will focus on Sections 4 and 11.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47