

GTF: Charter Sub-Task Force Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 19, 2023

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

The meeting called to order by Ray at 7:33 Buzz Ware

The minutes from the December meeting were reviewed with one correction and approved. Ray presented a drafted revision from Christopher Griffiths Esq regarding changes to the Budget Committee. At the November meeting, Jeff Politis talked with us about the budget process. His main point was that the Charter does not provide authority to receive or spend a donation or gift to the Town Assembly. A second concern is that the Charter does not grant power to the Town Assembly to move committee money, if needed, from one committee to another. With this background, Ray asked our attorney to draft a statement providing this for our review. After much thought and healthy discussion, it was decided to go back to Mr. Griffiths and ask him to re-write a recommendation based on these concerns. It is further thought that once we establish the authority over these issues, the Town Assembly should approve an ordinance providing the process of how gifts and contributions would work and perhaps how grants would be handled. The sub-committee reviewed the suggestion to allow non-resident leaseholders voting privilege and decided not to recommend a change to the existing charter regarding voting rights.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03.