

GTF Meeting Minutes Thursday, September 28, 2023

Task Force Attendees: Ray Seigfried, Barbara Macklem, Steve Benigni, Bev Clendening, Kate Threefoot

The meeting called to order at 7:41

Minutes from the September 14 approved with edits.

Charter

Minor edits were made to Section 5 and 6.

Section 8 minor changes were made. In the first sentence of a) remove the word “all” and replace governing with “reflecting.”

No changes in Section 9-11

Section 12 – in penalties section, remove “that fixed by the ordinance and shall not commit to prison for a longer term than 30 days” and replace with “the limits prescribed by State law”.

Section 13 remove the words “wise and advisable” and replace with “appropriate.”

Section 14 – 18 no edits.

Section 2 – still need the boundaries for the Sherwood Forest and Mill Race Property additions.

Dates for the Charter Information Sessions was reviewed. The schedule will be published in *The Page* and will be handed out at the September TA meeting.

Possible change in the fiscal year will be brought up in the Information Session when Sections 7-9 are discussed (October 17 and 26).

The GTF will meet after the Information Session are finished. The meeting will be Thursday, December 7. Jeff Politis, Arden Town Chair and Sachin Puranik, Chair of the Advisory Committee will be invited to discuss how the Charter revisions should be presented.

The GTF consensus was that at TA meeting in January each section of the Charter should be read individually and that discussion and opportunity for amendments should follow. The entire Charter with amendments should then be put to a vote of the Town Assembly and sent for referendum.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:41.