

**Tentative Charter Commission Calendar:
September – early November 2016
(updated 10/13 with changes in red)**

Having worked for approximately six months on drafting a new charter for Framingham, the Charter Commission has a great deal of work accomplished, but also several key tasks ahead. We believe that it would be helpful to the public to see the how the meetings in the remainder of September and October will be organized to help us reach our goals.

While most sections of the charter have been drafted and have been put out for public review, there are two sections that have not gone all the way through that process as of yet. In each case, a subcommittee has worked with the experts from the Collins Center to draft language that will be brought to the full committee for discussion.

1. Government Organization: Charters typically include some language than organize administrative structures such as which departments report to which supervisor, how departments interact with each other, etc.

2. Transition Provisions: While other sections of the charter have described how the legislative, executive branch, and other boards will be organized within a new structure, the transition provisions describe the process of how we move from our current structure to the new one. It includes items like when new elections will be held and how current bylaws function in the transition period.

The calendar below lays out an organizational plan for upcoming meetings. Please note that this is tentative and subject to change as work proceeds.

Thursday, Sept 22 Public Hearing

The public can comment on the sections of the Charter currently out for public review or on sections of the Charter that have been discussed previously. The goal is for commissioners to get as much feedback as possible.

Monday, Sept 26: No meeting

Wednesday, October 5:

1. Discussion, review, and vote on sections of Charter out of public review
2. Possible amendments to earlier sections of the Charter based on feedback, including language revisions from Style and Substance subcommittee
3. Presentation by the Government Administration sub committee on government organization in the new charter.

Thursday, October 13:

1. Presentation by Disabilities Commission
2. Discussion of calendar and remaining workflow

Monday, October 17:

1. Meeting with the Housing Authority and the Conservation Committee
2. Discussion, possible amendments, and initial vote on the Gov. Structure plan.
3. **Oral Presentation of Transition article with a written report to follow.**

Monday, October 24:

1. Meeting with Town Counsel to discuss transition issues.
2. Discussion, possible amendments, and possible vote on the Transition committee proposal.
3. Vote to put the Government organization and Transition Articles out for 20 day public review running from 10/25 to 11/14.

Monday, October 31 TBD (with possibility that meeting will be cancelled)

Mon Nov 7 TBD

Thursday, November 10 Public Hearing at Brophy School at 7PM

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Monday, November 14

1. Discussion and possible amendments to any part of the Charter based on public feedback, including, but not limited to, the transition and government organization provisions.
2. Discussion, amendments and **possible vote** to send Charter to the Attorney General for initial review to ensure that proposed charter as it stands meets legal standards. **If more time is desired, this vote could happen on Monday 11/21 or possibly 11/28.**

Note: Even after AG review, changes can be made to structures in the charter, but the idea is not to add features that are entirely new legal concepts because those types would need additional review. Also note that transition provisions do not need to be included in this AG review and can be changed at a later date.

Monday 11/21, 11/28, and beyond: Begin work on process of drafting a report to the public summarizing the provisions of the Charter.