



TOWN OF **NEWMARKET** NEW HAMPSHIRE

CHARTER COMMISSION
Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 7:00 PM
Town Hall, Council Chambers
PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES
Approved September 16, 2025

Members Present: John Bentley, Chris Hawkins, Phil Nazarro (Vice Chair), Patrick Reynolds, Russ Simon, Toni Weinstein (Chair), Al Zink. Scott Blackstone and Dan Smith were excused.

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Hearing

The Chair opened the meeting for public comment at 7:02 PM. No member of the public was present. The Chair closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

3. Consider Acceptance of Minutes

The draft minutes of the August 19, 2025 meeting were introduced for comment. There were no comments or changes. Mr. Simon moved acceptance of the minutes and Mr. Bentley seconded the motion. The August 19, 2025 meeting minutes were approved 7-0. Vice Chair Nazarro and Mr. Hawkins abstained.

4. Discussion of Town Manager and Superintendent Presentation

There was extensive discussion of the presentation made by the Town Manager and Superintendent at the August 19 meeting. The discussion encompassed the Commission's desire for improved communication and coordination between the Town and the School District in the interest of ensuring tax dollars are spent efficiently. There was extensive discussion of the desirability of an overarching 5-10-20 year plan for the community to provide a framework for future spending. The purpose would be to assure all residents that consideration is being given to the long-term viability and livability of the community. There was much discussion of



TOWN OF **NEWMARKET** NEW HAMPSHIRE

the differences and similarities between entities engaged in private enterprise and public boards and entities in terms of the missions, methodologies, ways and means. There was extensive discussion that significant information touching upon long-term planning is already extant.

There was further discussion of the significance and role of the CIP Committee and Budget Committee.

There was discussion of whether and to what extent the Commission can make changes to the charter to accomplish the objectives the Commission discussed.

5. Change to Form of Government

The unanimous consensus is that the Commission will not recommend a change to Newmarket's form of government.

6. Review of Articles 8-11

The Commission reviewed Articles 8-11. Some changes were proposed and some items were flagged for further review by Town Counsel, including Article 4.9. The Secretary will redline the proposed changes and circulate a draft to the Commission.

Mr. Bentley made a motion for the meeting to extend past 9:00 PM. Mr. Hawkins seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

7. New Business

There was no new business.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Bentley made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hawkins. The motion was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.