

Town Meeting Task Force – Minutes

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Members Present: Shari Cornish, Patrick Larsen, Amy Rosenthal, Karen Collier, Dean Hale, Peter Moskovitz, Maureen Demers, Larry Fliegelman, Ross Connelly, Alberta Miller

Minutes taken by: Alberta Miller

1. Introductions

The task force members introduced themselves.

2. Review of Governance Document

- a. Amy Rosenthal explained the purpose of the task force and noted that she was appointed to the task force as a member of the Hardwick Equity Committee.
- b. Amy explained the role of the Hardwick Equity Committee within the Hardwick community.
- c. Amy reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the task force, as well as the timeline established for the committee by the Select Board.

3. Election of Officers

- a. **Election of Chair:** Ross Connelly nominated Amy Rosenthal for Chair, and Alberta Miller seconded the nomination. Amy Rosenthal was elected unanimously.
- b. **Election of Vice Chair:** Maureen Demers nominated Karen Collier for Vice Chair, and Ross Connelly seconded the nomination. Karen Collier was elected unanimously.
- c. Amy Rosenthal and Dean Hale will work on setting up Zoom AI to take minutes of future meetings.

4. Organization of the Task Force

a. Establishment of a Regular Meeting Schedule

Due to the limited time available for the task force to meet before the November deadline established by the Select Board for its recommendation, the task force agreed to meet on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. on the following dates:

- August 19, 2026
- August 26, 2026
- September 2, 2026

- September 16, 2026
- September 30, 2026
- October 14, 2026
- October 28, 2026
- November 4, 2026
- November 18, 2026

Amy Rosenthal agreed to prepare the agendas for the meetings and distribute them to all members.

5. Discussion of Future Work

a. The group went around the table, with each member sharing their thoughts on Town Meeting and explaining why they requested to serve on the task force.

b. The group discussed homework to be completed in preparation for the next meeting. Each member will:

- Read the Act 126 information regarding fair voting rights.
- Write up their ideas and opinions on how they believe Town Meeting should be structured.
- Write up their thoughts on how to obtain public input for the task force's consideration as it develops its recommendations.

6. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Karen Collier and seconded by Larry Fliegelman. The meeting adjourned at **7:41 p.m.**