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Town Manager Key Notes to Charter Commission

March 29, 2014

Consult the reviewing attorney early on. Do we need to wordsmith, is there template language, etc. What do you recommend we focus on?

Focus on issues of membership on boards, conflicts of interest, Selectmen on Boards, terms, at-odds appointments or positions, number of boards on which one may serve (cross-lamination).

Stress issues of transparency (hearings required, notification of meetings, posting of agendas and minutes). Be careful about putting too many dates in the Charter.

Reduce conflicts of interest, appearances of conflict, when and how to abstain, nepotism, etc.

Be clear on roles and responsibilities, but not so detailed as to not allow for positions / required governance documents to be amended.