

Charter Review concerning Planning & Construction Committee

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Committee members,

As a member of Planning & Construction for the last 2 years I would like to suggest a possible edit to the Charter regarding this body. With the entire committee being volunteer, the last paragraph highlighted below should stand out as not quite what our city has been doing over the years since the implementation of this Charter. I would suggest "share in responsibility" or some other terminology to reflect the committee's level of interaction on building projects. Rarely does our committee get past an advisory role in most of the City's construction projects. It would be a shame for this body to get the blame for a project in trouble given our level of participation. Thank you,

TOWN OF GREENFIELD CHARTER

SECTION 6-7: PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS AND OTHER FACILITIES

(a) Compensation, Mode of Appointment and Term of Office - There shall be a Planning and Construction Committee (which may be referred to as the "Planning and Construction Committee") consisting of seven (7) members. Six (6) of the committee members shall be appointed by the Mayor for terms of three (3) years each so arranged that the term of two (2) members shall expire each year. In making appointments to the committee, the Mayor shall seek persons having experience in the fields of architecture, engineering, construction, real estate, or law. The seventh member of the committee shall be designated, annually, by the School Committee and may, be a member of the School Committee.

(b) Powers and Duties - The Planning and Construction Committee shall be responsible for monitoring the physical condition of all municipal buildings and other facilities. The committee shall meet from time to time with representatives of municipal agencies to evaluate the need for additions, renovations, or remodeling of any existing building or facility or for the construction of new buildings or other facilities. The committee shall file written reports, at least annually, with the Mayor in which, it shall make recommendations as to the need for any project or projects.

Whenever any construction work on any municipal building or other facility is authorized, the Planning and Construction Committee shall be responsible for all work in connection with the project including site planning, surveying, engineering studies, architectural plans and specifications and the supervision of construction.