

Barrington School Committee <> Town Charter Commission

November 15, 2023
7:00 PM BMS Global Classroom #1202

#1 Retaining the Financial Town Meeting

#2 The School administration doesn't have an itemized contract/relationship with the town. Everything is lumped into a sun and so there's no clarity or opportunity to seek efficiencies.

- DPW Services on school property
- District administration rental fee that includes associated office fees
- Paying for trash (Public Works) at the schools (MEGA contract for the schools)

#3 Section 9-2-2. of the Charter, entitled "Organization and Rules"

1. Charter provides that SC shall elect a Chairperson and a Clerk; School Committee By-Laws do not provide for a "Clerk" but rather a "Vice-Chair"
2. Charter provides that the Clerk shall have all power and duties of the Chairperson during any absence or disability of the Chairperson; School Committee By-Laws provide that Vice-Chair assumes Chair's duties if office becomes vacant
3. Charter provides that the Clerk record minutes; School Committee By-Laws provide that a non-union administrative secretary under Vice-Chair's direction record minutes Section 9-2-10.

#4 9-2-10 SCHOOL PURCHASING, FINANCIAL RECORDS AND VOUCHERS.

Charter provides that SC does all purchasing pertaining to public schools and maintain records; it also provides that expenditures of funds allocated to SD must be authorized by Superintendent.

The Education Accountability Act provides that Superintendent is responsible for keeping records of school system and is responsible for authorizing purchases consistent with adopted school budget. This language is more consistent with the law and practice.

#5 Miscellaneous

- 16-2-9 AWARD OF MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS [Amended 11-21-1994; 11-2-2004]
The Procurement policy threshold (low bid threshold)
- Collaboration and clarification of roles with the town financial audit bid
- 16-2-8 FEES, TUITIONS, PENALTIES, PAYMENTS [Amended 11-2-2004]
Remittance of fees/tuitions for school programs (we want them to go to the Schools, for PreK)

#6 Recall an Official Option (what is the mechanism for the people to do this).

