

**Town of Hooksett  
Charter Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, June 28, 2023**

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2 The Hooksett Town Charter Subcommittee met on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at 4:30 in the Hooksett  
3 Municipal Building.

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5 **CALL TO ORDER**

6 Chair Durand called the meeting to order at 4:41 pm.

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8 **PROOF OF POSTING**

9 Chair Durand provided proof of posting.

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11 **In Attendance:** Councilor James Sullivan and Councilor John Durand  
12 Staff Support: André Garron and Wendy Baker

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14 There was no one for Public Input.

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16 ***Councilor Sullivan motioned to approve the minutes of May 18, 2023. Seconded by Chair***  
17 ***Durand. All in favor 2-0***

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19 A. Garron reported that he and W. Baker met with the Town Attorney to ask the following question: “Do  
20 each one of the changes need to have their own separate warrant article and vote or can all or some be  
21 bundled together?”

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23 Town Attorney’s answer cited RSA 49-B:6 which does allow you to bundle them in a group if  
24 appropriate. He also gave his recommendation on two ways to approach what the Charter  
25 Subcommittee is trying to achieve with the first one being his preferred choice.

- 26 1. On the 2024 Ballot, propose the elimination of Districts as well as the change of a Super  
27 Majority to a Simple Majority as a requirement to have a quorum. These would be two separate  
28 articles. Then discuss next year and if it is still appropriate to reduce the Council from 9 to 7  
29 members, put that on the 2025 Ballot as well as a separate article to increase the Council  
30 stipend by \$500 each.  
31 2. On the 2024, Ballot bundle removing the Districts and reducing Council from 9 to 7 members in  
32 one article and create two more articles for changing to a simple majority and for increasing the  
33 stipend by \$500 each.

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35 Chair Durand said he would prefer to go for #2 and bundle removing the Districts and reducing Council.

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37 Councilor Sullivan agreed with option #2.

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39 There was discussion regarding how the process would work if the reduction of Council passed. A.  
40 Garron said this is something the Town Attorney will be looking into once the Council decides they  
41 would like to go that route.

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43 It was agreed to bring forth the Charter Subcommittee’s recommendation at the July 26<sup>th</sup> Town Council  
44 meeting and to invite the Supervisor’s of the Checklist to that meeting in case Council has any  
45 questions for them regarding the Districts.

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47 ***Councilor Sullivan motioned that the Charter Subcommittee go to Town Council on July 26<sup>th</sup> to***  
48 ***recommend changing the quorum to a simple majority, increasing the Councilor stipend by***  
49 ***\$500 each and a bundle approach (both of the following in one article) eliminating the current***

50 **Districts and reducing the number of Councilors from 9 to 7. Seconded by Chair Durand. All in**  
51 **favor 2-0**

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53 **ADJOURNMENT**

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55 **Councilor Sullivan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:21 pm. Seconded by Chair Durand. All**  
56 **in favor 2-0**

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58 Respectfully submitted,

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60 *Wendy Baker*

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62 Wendy Baker

63 Executive Assistant