

NG Candidate/Referendum Issues Committee

Minutes - April 29, 2019 Meeting

Attendees: Joanne Cole, Debra Smith, Anne Maurice (note taker), Barbara Kaufman, League of Women Voters
Absent: Penny Hilton

1. 90% of the meeting was dedicated to planning for the May candidate/referendum forum.
 - Barbara will be the moderator and she is available on the 15th or the 30th. We have a back up for the 15th in event Barbara is held up upon return from vacation.
 - Joanne shared her research on the municipal charters. Piece from Maine Townsman, "To charter or not to charter: A legal and political primer" provides a good overview and the author, Ben Smith, might be a good resource for our preparation.
 - Lengthy discussion on how to present the Charter information. Decided on educational purpose only. Several names were suggested as possible participants. Joanne and Deb to contact potential panelists from Poland and Gray.
 - Barbara led discussion on the structure for the Forum. We worked on questions and timing for session (charter panel and candidate session). Barbara will draft timeline and questions for both sections and send to Committee for review.
 - Debra will design an oversized visual about the charter process and timeline for the Forum.
 - Joanne shared a draft of a poster announcing the Forum. She will make some revisions and have it available for the Town Meeting on May 6th.
 - Committee will solicit questions on-line, box at library, and on cards at the Forum. At the Forum, audience will have an opportunity to ask questions.

2. Committee still has one open position. Anne Maurice will contact Ellie Espling regarding joining the committee. No other potential candidates at this time.

Next meeting: May 10, 9 am