

**Charter Review Committee agenda Tuesday, May 7, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
City Hall Hearing Room 18, 210 Main Street, Northampton, MA 01060**

- Approval of minutes for April 16, 2019
- Public comment
- Updates from committee members
- Discuss and vote on possible change to:

Section 5-2 (Trustees under the will of Charles E. Forbes): Five members shall be elected by and from the voters of the city at large for a term of four years, so arranged that all members are not elected at the same time. **Vacancies shall be filled in a like manner as a city clerk vacancy.**

Replace bolded sentence with: **Whenever a vacancy occurs on the board of trustees under the will of Charles E. Forbes, the chair of the board shall, within 30 days following the date of the vacancy, call a meeting of the trustees to fill the vacancy. The board of trustees shall choose a person to fill the vacancy from among the voters entitled to vote for the office. Persons elected by the trustees to fill a vacancy shall serve only until the next regular city election, when the office shall be filled by the voters. The candidate elected to an office filled by appointment prior to the election shall be sworn to the office immediately to complete the then-unexpired term in addition to the term for which elected. No vacancy shall be filled under this section if a regular city election is to be held within 120 days following the date the vacancy is declared to exist. Persons elected by the trustees to fill a vacancy under this section shall not be entitled to have the words "candidate for reelection" printed with that person's name on the election ballot.**

- Discuss issues raised during the April 30 forum:
 1. No-excuse absentee voting
 2. Mail ballots to registered voters
 3. Lower municipal voting age to 16
 4. Ranked-choice voting
- Outreach to minority communities
- Adjourn