

100324 Charter Commission  
Bridgton Municipal Offices  
Morgan, Villa, Eder, Lunt, Gorden, Trice

Approval of all previous minutes (Gorden, Eder, unanimous)

Motion approved "Place charter for approval in front of voters at general election in November, 2010" (Gorden, Lunt, Unanimous)

**Discussion: how/when to transition to 7 commissioner districts? At time of election? Phased in? wait for 2010 census numbers?**

Gorden: according to counsel, requesting apportionment is within aegis of charter commission.

Morgan: Having candidates run at same time as charter referendum could bring more positive attention to charter, but is high stakes, may bring out bold candidates.

Gorden: some people may vote against charter as a vote against a candidate. Passing the charter is the first priority.

Eder: having commissioner districts change sooner allows for other positive changes

**Timeline**

Must do at least two more public meetings

Gorden: would like one of public meetings to be after labor day.

Have joint meeting with county commissioners for formal hand-off of charter

\*\*Gorden will do timeline analysis

\*\*Elizabeth will compile comments from public by section for next meeting.

Next meetings:

Workshop April 7, then meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Morgan will find locations.