

Discussion Guide

Charter Commission Interviews with School Committee Members
March 1 & March 2, 2016 (7-9p.m.)
100 Walnut Street, Room 217
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Newton's Current Charter

1. What do you see as the role of the Newton School Committee?
2. What do you believe is working well structurally?
3. What do you think warrants improvement or change?
4. Do you have comments to share about School Committee in relation to:
 - a. Superintendent and School Department
 - b. Mayor's Office
 - c. City Council
4. Do you have ideas to share based on what you know of School Committees in other municipalities that might work well for Newton?
5. How do you view Article 4 of the current Charter?
 - a. Is it clear?
 - b. Are there items that you would like to see added or deleted?
6. Do you have comments on specific provisions?
 - a. Composition
 - b. Term lengths (currently 2 years)
 - c. Term limits (currently 8 years)
 - d. Election Cycle