

**CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION**

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 6, 2015

**Commissioners present:** Chairman Joseph Calsetta, Norman Boucher, Bill Hamel, Lacinda Van Gieson, Dave Ragion, Bob Glamuzina, Brian Levy, Sara LeMaster, Shirley King, Carl Schiessl and Dave Vaicunas

**Commissioners absent:** George Austin and Elizabeth Gannuscio

- 1) **Call to Order** – Chairman Calsetta called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**MOTION: To Move Agenda Item #4 to Item #3 and add the approval of the October 21, 2014 Minutes.**

**Bill Hamel**

**Seconded by Carl Schiessl**

**All in Favor, Motion Passed**

- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance** – The Pledge of Allegiance was not recited. There is no flag in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor break room.

- 3) **Approval of the minutes for the October 21, 2014 and November 18, 2014 regular meetings.**

**MOTION: To approve the minutes of the October 21, 2014 and November 18, 2014 regular meetings.**

**Bill Hamel**

**Seconded by Brian Levy**

**All in Favor, Motion Passed**

- 4) **Public Input** –

Selectman Wawruck – Selectman Wawruck handed out copies of the “Board of Selectmen” sections from the Suffield and East Windsor Charters. Selectmen Wawruck would like the budget process to be changed so that Boards and Commissions present to the Board of Selectmen, and then the Board of Selectmen presents the Town Budget as a whole to the Board of Finance.

Douglas Glazier – Mr. Glazier, Chairman of the Board of Finance, distributed and spoke his list of reasons as to why the Budget review process should remain as is.

Paul Harrington – 10 Meg Way – Mr. Harrington asked the Commission to rewrite the 800 sections in Chapter VIII so that it is clear how the process is supposed to work for Boards and Commissions to get money, spend money, and when to go to Town Meetings for approval.

William Rousseau – 407 Elmwood – Mr. Rousseau asked the Commission to consider making all Public Employee contracts public and filed in the Town Clerks office for town residents to review.

- 5) **Correspondence** – None

- 6) **New Business** –

- a) **Review motions passed to date** – Chairman Calsetta suggested that they review the edited version of the Charter page by page that our Secretary emailed and distributed at tonight’s meeting.

As a result, one clarification needs to be made. It needs to be noted that Section 611 was not deleted, but moved to Chapter 12 and renumbered as 1211.

b) **Review sections to revisit –**

Section 301 –

Motion: Motion to reword Section 301 to comply with the new 701E.

Bill Hamel

Seconded by Norman Boucher

All in Favor, Motion Passed

Section 302 D – After a lengthy discussion, the recording secretary was asked to invite all the members of the Board of Education to attend our next meeting to discuss increasing the number of Board of Education members.

Section 302 H and I – The recording secretary was also asked to invite all members of the Fire Commission and Police Commission to our next meeting to discuss increasing the number of members on these Commissions. It will also be discussed whether or not employees of these Departments should also serve as members on their respective Commissions.

Revisiting Chapters IV and V was tabled until the next meeting.

c) **Review Chapter 8 – Finance and Taxation –**

i. Section 805 A, B, and C – Chairman Calsetta stated his interpretation of 805 A, B, and C. After a lengthy discussion, and several other opinions that did not necessarily agree, Chairman Calsetta asked the Board of Finance to draft a clarification to be discussed at a future meeting.

ii. Section 808 – The members of the Commission agreed that this section and other sections pertaining to contracts need clarifying.

d) **Review Chapter 10 –** Chairman Calsetta stated that Chapter 10 was covered in an earlier discussion.

7) **Old Business –** None

8) **Public Input (Agenda Items Only) –**

William Rousseau – 407 Elmwood – Mr. Rousseau requested that all Boards and Commissions be required to have a public email address that is used for communication. Selectman Wawruck stated that this is not an issue for the Charter Commission. This is an issue that comes with a cost and would have to be addressed within the Town Budget.

9) **Commissioners Comments –** None

10) **Adjournment –**

**MOTION: To adjourn at 8:10 pm.**

**Norman Boucher**

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

**Seconded by Sara LeMaster**

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Pfaffenbichler  
Recording Secretary

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