

CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 7, 2014

Commissioners present: Chairman Joseph Calsetta, Norman Boucher, Dave Vaicunas, Bill Hamel, Shirley King, Elizabeth Gannuscio, Dave Ragon, Carl Schiessl, Bob Glamuzina, George Austin and Sara LeMaster

Commissioners absent: Lacinda Van Gieson and Brian Levy

- 1) **Call to Order** – Chairman Calsetta called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance** – The Pledge of Allegiance was not recited. There is no flag in the 2nd floor break room.
- 3) **Public Input** – None
- 4) **Approval of the minutes for the September 16, 2014 regular meeting.**

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the September 16, 2014 regular meeting.

Bill Hamel

Seconded by Carl Schiessl

All in Favor with two abstentions (Sara LeMaster and George Austin)

Motion Passed

- 5) **Correspondence** – Chairman Calsetta read an email from Doug Glazier regarding his opinion about budget referendums.
- 6) **New Business** –
 - a) **Review Charter Chapters VIII and IX** –

Chapter VIII – Finance and Taxation

Section 801 – General Powers of Board of Finance – No change recommended

Section 802 – Fiscal Year – Will revisit for further discussion. Bill Hamel will check the State Statutes and Selectman Wawruck will ask the Town Attorney to see if changes are allowed.

Section 803 – Budget Preparation – No change recommended

Section 804 – Annual Budget Meeting – No change recommended

Section 804B – 1) Delete the words “on the voting machines” from the 5th sentence; 2) Replace the sentence that reads “The voting machine labels shall be provided by the Town Clerk.” with “The Ballots shall be provided by the Registrar of Voters.” and 3) Rewrite the last sentence in the first paragraph of 804B to read “In the event the budget is not adopted by June twentieth, the Board of Selectmen may call one or more Special Town Meetings and appropriate funds by way of tax anticipation notes, in an amount as recommended by the Board of Finance, to meet necessary obligations at budget levels then in effect, from the first day of July to the approval of the budget.

MOTION: To adopt the changes discussed above within the first paragraph of 804B.

George Austin

Seconded by Norman Boucher

All in Favor, Motion Passed

Section 805 – Duties of the Board of Finance on Other Financial Matters – No change recommended

Section 806 – Additional Capital Expenditures – No change recommended

Section 807 – Emergency Appropriations – No change recommended

Section 808 – Unauthorized Expenditures – No change recommended

Section 809 – Unexpended Appropriations – No change recommended

Section 810 – Annual Audit – No change recommended

Section 811 – Treasurer – After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made.

MOTION: To leave section 811 as written.

Norman Boucher

There was no second

Motion Failed

Section 811 – Will be revisited for further discussion

Section 812 – Tax Collector – No change recommended

Chapter IX – Town Employees

Section 901 – Personnel Regulations – No change recommended

- 7) **Old Business** – None
- 8) **Public Input (Agenda Items Only)** – None
- 9) **Commissioners Comments** – None
- 10) **Adjournment** –

MOTION: To adjourn at 8:10 pm.

Bill Hamel

Seconded by George Austin

Motion Passed Unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Pfaffenbichler
Recording Secretary

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