

CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

Minutes of Public Hearing

Tuesday, June 30, 2015

Commissioners present: Chairman Joseph Calsetta, Norman Boucher, Bob Glamuzina, Bill Hamel, Shirley King, Dave Ragon, Elizabeth Gannuscio, Sara LeMaster, Dave Vaicunas, and Lacinda Van Gieson

Commissioners absent: Carl Schiessl and George Austin

- 1) **Call to Order** – Chairman Calsetta called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance** – Prior to observing the Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Brian Levy was honored with a moment of silence. Mr. Levy passed away on May 2, 2015.
- 3) **Public Input** – None
- 4) **Approval of the February 17, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes and the March 12, 2015 Public Hearing Minutes.**

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the February 17, 2015 regular meeting minutes and the March 12, 2015 Public Hearing minutes.

Bill Hamel

Seconded by Norman Boucher

All in Favor, Motion Passed

5) **New Business** –

a) **Discuss Board of Selectmen’s submission regarding the proposed Charter revisions -**
Chairman Calsetta clarified that the Board of Selectmen agreed with all changes red-lined in the revised Charter we sent them except for what they put in their submission. He stated that at this time we can only accept or reject what they have written. He further clarified that we cannot make any additional changes, grammatical or otherwise, to what they have given us.

b) **Discuss our response to the Board of Selectmen -**

After discussing each of the three Board of Selectmen’s proposed changes, motions were made to accept or reject.

MOTION: To delete the words “Windsor Locks” on Page 7, paragraph B of Section 304 – Elected State Officers –

Bill Hamel

Seconded by Dave Vaicunas

5 were in Favor, 5 were Opposed, Motion Failed

MOTION: To reject the changes proposed by the Board of Selectmen in Section 805.

Bill Hamel

Seconded by Dave Vaicunas

Commissioner Boucher liked the Selectmen’s version better than what the Commission proposed. He felt it gave guidance. Chairman Calsetta read the version submitted by the Board of Selectmen and a vote followed.

All in Favor to reject the change proposed by the BOS, Motion Passed

MOTION: To reject the change of the dollar amount in Section 1008 – Actions Requiring a Town Meeting – on page 22, Paragraph A.

Bill Hamel

Seconded by Norman Boucher

All in Favor to reject the change proposed by the BOS, Motion Passed

- 6) **Commissioners Comments** – Chairman Calsetta stated that the Board of Selectmen will now have to decide whether or not to have a referendum to approve the changes to the Charter or put it on the Ballot this fall.

Commissioner Bill Hamel thanked the other Commissioners for their work on the Charter Commission. He added that although the job seemed minor at times, it is our right and you've all done a noble job. Chairman Calsetta agreed.

- 7) **Public Input** –

Doug Hamilton – 5 Ahern Ave – Mr. Hamilton expressed that he was disappointed none of the Selectmen attended tonight's meeting.

- 8) **Adjournment** –.

MOTION: To adjourn at 7:35 pm.

Bill Hamel

Motion Passed Unanimously

Seconded by Dave Vaicunas

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Pfaffenbichler
Recording Secretary

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