

Minutes of the Charter Revision Commission March 11, 2009

Present: Chairman Ernie Petkovich, Eric Remington, Bobbie Kling, Thomas J. Sheridan, Jr., John P. Murphy. **Absent:** Elaine O'Brien, Douglas Viets and Rodney Dillman.

Mr. Petkovich called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the lower level conference room, Town Hall.

Citizen's Comment

None.

Minutes:

Mrs. Kling made a motion to approve the Minutes of February 25, 2009, the motion was seconded by Mr. Sheridan and approved by unanimous vote.

Time Line:

Mr. Petkovich then reviewed the next steps for the Commission. The CRC will submit their "draft" report to the Board of Selectmen at its April 15th meeting. They will then hold a Public Hearing on May 27th or 28th. After the public hearing, the Commission may amend the draft report if it deems necessary. The Board of Selectmen shall hold at least 1 public hearing on the draft report within 45 days of the submission of the draft report.

Technical Corrections:

Mr. Petkovich made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sheridan, should any member request to change any item currently on the Recommended, Not Recommended or Technical Corrections lists, and move it to a different category, then five (5) affirmatives votes must be attained before the item can be changed. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Next Meeting to Vote on the Town Administrator:

Mr. Petkovich explained the difficulty in getting all the members of the Commission present to vote on the T.A. job description. Mr. Petkovich will e-mail all the members to see what time on March 25th, all would be available to vote on the February 25th version.

Tracking Log:

Mrs. Kling said she was no longer in favor of Sec. 61(b) regarding the 250 signatures required for a referendum. She thought it should be increased to 400. After much discussion, the Commission decided to leave it at 250.

#23 Sec. 502 (B)(D)(E) Should the First Selectman be permitted to do the things contemplated by this section without the approval of the Board of Selectmen? Mr.

Petkovich made a motion, seconded by Mr. Remington, to move this to the Not Recommended List. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

#34 Sec. 706(P) Should not the First Selectman have supervisory responsibility over the day to day activities of the Highway Dept and town Engineer and Public works Commission be the policy setting body? Mr. Remington made a motion, seconded by Mr. Petkovich to move this to the Not Recommended List. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

#35 Sec. 708 Should the First Selectman be able to remove employees without cause? If so, should this be specified? Mr. Murphy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Remington to move this to the Not Recommended List. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Short List:

#7 Sec. 302(A) Should the First Selectman's term be extended to 4 years? Mr. Remington made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Kling that #7, 203(A) to move this to the Not Recommended List. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

#72 Sec. 708. The period of time that a temporary committee exists should be limited by this section. A permanent committee can be established by the Town meeting under Sec. 706(C). Mr. Petkovich made a motion, seconded by Mr. Murphy to move this to the Not Recommended List. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Town Administrator:

Mr. Petkovich will want to take a vote on the Town Administrator job description on March 25th. He will contact all members to see what would be the best time to hold the meeting so everyone can be present.

#21 Sec. 501 Should the First Selectman be a full time chief executive office of the town or should we have a part time First Selectman and a full time CAO? This issue is yet to be decided upon

#28 Sec. 611(B) Should the director of Finance report to the First Selectman for day to day supervision rather than the Board of Finance which meets once a month? This issue is yet to be decided upon.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mrs. Kling made a motion, seconded by Mr. Sheridan to adjourn. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Next Meeting: March 25th. Time to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Koren, Recording Secretary