



DRAFT MINUTES
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CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
BROOKFIELD TOWN HALL – ROOM 209
TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017
7:00 PM

Call to Order: Chair Park called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Present: Chair Joni Park; Vice Chair Jerry Friedrich; Commissioner Ron Jaffe; Commissioner Loretta Donovan; Commissioner Dotti Dori; Commissioner Todd Hand; Commissioner Mark Ferry

Also Present: Town Attorney Tom Beecher

Public Comment: There was no one present for public comment.

Approval of Minutes of March 20, 2017: Commissioner Ferry made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2017 meeting. Commissioner Donovan seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-1, with Chair Park, Vice Chair Friedrich, Commissioner Jaffe, Commissioner Donovan, Commissioner Ferry, and Commissioner Hand voting in favor of the motion. Commissioner Dori abstained from the vote.

Correspondence: No motions.

Discussion and Vote On:

1. **Final Presentation Pages:** The Commission reviewed the document in detail for each charge, and made suggested revisions. Chair Park will forward the finished and agreed upon presentation in priority order, with explanations, all red-lined additions, and suggested changes to the Charter to all members for acceptance. It will be read on April 3rd at the Board of Selectmen meeting.
2. **How Votes Should Appear on the Ballot for A Five-Member Board of Selectmen:** The Commission discussed the number of people that could be elected for a selectman position in each party, provided that this recommendation is approved, for a five-member board of selectmen. Commissioner Jaffe stated that people are allowed to vote for the number of seats on the ballot. If this change is to be made, there would be four selectmen seats on which to vote with one first selectman seat. Atty. Beecher indicated the process as outlined in state statutes, but noted that the Commission has the option to recommend a different process in the Charter document. **Chair Park called a vote to add the following to the bottom of A(1) in section C3-2(A): “Electors may vote for four candidates for the Board of Selectmen”. All Commissioners voted in favor of the motion, which carried unanimously.**
3. **A New Request for a Charge Which Would Require All Elected, Appointed and Employed Individuals to Sign a Statement Indicating That They Have Read and Would Adhere to the Requirements of the Charter:** The Commission reviewed this request. Atty. Beecher reviewed the legal aspects of this suggestion. He also mentioned concern with timing to research and correctly present language that would allow for this charge to be efficient. Commissioner Jaffe noted the ethics form which all employees, elected and appointed officials are required to complete. The Commission decided to take no action on this public recommendation.

Other Business: There was no additional discussion.

Public Comment: There was no public comment at this time.

Adjournment: Commissioner Donovan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. Commissioner Ferry seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.