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CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
Colchester, Connecticut
December 14, 2016, Town Hall Meeting Room One
Meeting Minutes

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Members present: Gregg LePage, Ursula Tschinkel, Michael Hinchliffe, Sheila Tortorigi, Don Philips, Monica Egan and Betty Wagner.

Guests: Head Librarian Kate Byroade and a group of students from the Bacon Academy Civics class.

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairman LePage at 7:02 p.m.

2. Additions to the Agenda. Chairman /LePage introduced Kate Byroade who had asked to address the commission.

Motion to add Ms. Byroade to the agenda by Mr. Hinchliffe, second by Mr. Philips.

Vote: unanimous consent. She will be added to the agenda at 4.1.

3. Approval of the minutes of the November 9, 2016 meeting.

Ms. Tschinkel made one correction: The date for tonight's meeting was listed at Dec. 13 instead of 14.

Motion to accept with the correction by Mr. Philips, second by Ms. Tschinkel.

Vote: five in favor. Mr. Hinchliffe abstained because he was not present at the meeting.

4. Citizen Comments. The Bacon Academy students were encouraged to ask questions regarding work of the commission. Mr. LePage and Mr. Philips explained the goal of the commission and what steps it has been taking to achieve them within the time frame set by the Board of Selectmen.

4.1. Addition. Ms. Byroade spoke to the commission regarding the section of the charter that deals with the library. She explained that it is out of date and does not address the fact that the library became a town department in 2002 and all the library employees became town employees at that point. She is researching the matter further. She requested that the commission add the library to the list of town departments.

5. 2017 Meeting Calendar. Mr. LePage suggested that the commission continue to meet on the second and fourth Wednesday. The members agreed. He will submit the list of meeting dates up to Election Day in 2017.

The commission also agreed to cancel the December 28, 2016 meeting.

6. Start Reviewing Red Lined Charter Version. Chairman LePage passed out copies of the charter with the changes noted. The commission began the process of final review of the changes that it has agreed to propose. Discussion followed and the commission completed its review up to C. 402 H.

7. Citizen Comments. None.

8. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn by Ms. Tschinkel, second by Ms. Tortorigi. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15. The next meeting will be January 11, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Wagner, Secretary