

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
2009-2010 Derry Charter Commission
held October 5, 2009**

(Minutes recorded by Doug Newell, Charter Commission Secretary)

- All members of the Commission were present.
- Commission Chairman James MacEachern called the meeting to order.
- Several members of the commission reported not having received the prior meetings minutes. Approval of those minutes was therefore deferred until the next meeting.
- Chairman McEachern began the discussion on the subject as to whether Derry should be a city or remain at town.
- Each commission member expressed their thoughts regarding the best form of government
- Mike Gill made a motion to change the charter to make Derry city under the strong mayor form of government. The motion was seconded by Kevin Coyle.
- The vote on Mr. Gill's motion was:
 - Doug Newell yes
 - Brenda Willis no
 - Chris Reisdorf no
 - John O'Connor no
 - Paul Dionne no
 - Kimberly Cyr no
 - Mike Gill no
 - Kevin Coyle yes
 - Jim MacEachern no
- The motion failed 7 "no", two "yes"
- Mike Gill then made a motion to adopt a weak mayor city form of government. This was seconded by Doug Newell. The Derry charter commission then voted unanimously in the negative regarding adopting a weak mayor city form of government.
- Jim MacEachern moved to proceed with the current Derry charter revising it piece by piece. This motion was seconded by Doug Newell.
- The vote on Mr. MacEachern's motion passed 7 to 2 with Mr. Gill and Mr. Coyle voting no, all others voted yes
- Mr. Coyle made a motion to reduce the amount requested for the commission expenditures from \$20,000 that had been proposed to the Town Council to \$10,000. The vote on Mr. Coyle's motion failed six "no", two "yes", one "abstain". In this vote Mr. Coyle and Ms. Cyr voted yes, Ms. Willis abstained, and all others voted no.

- Chairman MacEachern suggested meeting with the town's attorney and requesting ideas from the Town Council, the administration and department heads. After some discussion it was agreed to defer any meeting with the town's attorney.
- Chairman MacEachern announced that the next meeting would be held October 19, 2009 at 7pm in the basement of the Derry Municipal Center. At that time the agenda will focus upon articles 1 and 2 of the current Derry town charter.
- Motion to adjourn was made by Paul Dionne; motion was seconded by Kevin Coyle. The commission voted unanimously to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned.