

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
2009-2010 Derry Charter Commission
held September 21, 2009**

(minutes recorded by Doug Newell, Charter Commission Secretary)

- All members of the Commission were present with the exception of Mr. Reisdorf.
- Commission Chairman James MacEachern called the meeting to order.
- The minutes of the Charter Commission meeting held September 17 were read.
- Typographical errors in the minutes were noted by Mike Gill but these errors were determined to be inconsequential.
- The commission voted to approve the minutes of the September 17 meeting as read. The vote was 7 votes yea, 0 votes no, 1 abstention (Mr. Newell).
- Paul Dionne moved to request Ms. Maura Carroll of the New Hampshire Local Government Center address the commission regarding state laws affecting town and city charters.
- John O'Connor seconded Mr. Dionne's motion.
- The motion was unanimously passed.
- Ms. Carroll spoke to the commission regarding permitted forms of local government in New Hampshire including in detail about the multiple acceptable forms of city and town governments.
- Commission members were afforded an opportunity to ask Ms. Carroll questions.
- Ms Carroll was thanked for her presentation.
- Doug Newell expressed his concern that the \$20,000 budget suggested for the Charter Commission might be inadequate given the broad scope of this commission's mandate.
- Kevin Coyle disagreed with Mr. Newell's suggestion of a larger budget be requested, pointing out that if the commission chooses to make major changes or completely replace the town charter, the Charter Commission can go back to the Derry Town Council and request additional funds.
- Chairman MacEachern reminded commissioners that the next meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2009 at 7 PM in the Derry Municipal Center. He also pointed out that the meeting planned for October 19, 2009 would not take place in the Council room but rather downstairs in the municipal center.
- Doug Newell moved to adjourn the meeting
- Paul Dionne seconded the motion
- Vote to adjourn was unanimous in the affirmative
- The September 21, 2009 meeting of the Derry Charter Commission was adjourned