

**Town of Derry
Charter Commission**

Minutes of the Meeting of November 7th

Members Present:

Mike Gill, Jim MacEachern, John O'Connor, Chris Reisdorf, Brenda Willis, Doug Newell

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am

Salute the flag, notice of emergency exists

Chairman's Report:

- Chair welcomed the public and reviewed the purpose for the meeting.
- The purpose of tonight is to review sections 5,6,7,10 and 11. This will be done by review of each section followed by a vote to approve as is or as amended.
- Chair reported that he has received correspondence from past attorney with a request to provide service to the commission, Also the administrator contacted the municipal group and they provided a possible attorney. The chair will pursue with the administrator the getting RFP from each attorney and the chair, vice-chair and secretary will review the attorney's.
- Chair also reported that staff has provided recommended changes to the charter and they will be presented as we review.

Commission Discussion:

- Article 5 Governing and Legislative Body
 - 5.1: Motion to change all councilors to at large positions. Motion by Doug Newell 2nd by John O'Connor. Passed 5-1 (Chris Reisdorf)
 - 5.2: Motion by John O'Connor 2nd Doug Newell to approve as is. Passed unanimous
 - 5.3: Motion to remove reference to districts. Motion by John O'Connor 2nd Doug Newell to approve as is. Passed unanimous
 - 5.4: Will table until entire board is available as discussion was centered around making the council chair a full time job
 - 5.5: Will table until entire board is available as discussion was centered around making the council chair a full time job
 - 5.6: Motion by Mike Gill 2nd John O'Connor to approve as is. Failed 2-4 (Jim MacEachern, Chris Reisdorf, Brenda Willis, Doug Newell)
 - 5.6: Motion by Chris Reisdorf 2nd John O'Connor to accept the change present by staff. Failed 3-3 (Brenda Willis, Doug Newell, Mike Gill)
 - 5.6: Motion to add pursuant to state law. Motion by Mike Gill 2nd Brenda Willis. Passed 5-1 (Jim MacEachern)
 - 5.7: Add in accordance with state law motion by Doug Newell 2nd Mike Gill. Passed unanimous
 - 5.8: Motion by Doug Newell 2nd John O'Connor to approve as is. Passed unanimous
 - 5.9: Add time frame of 60 days to review council rules. Motion by Doug Newell 2nd Chris Reisdorf. Passed unanimous
 - 5.10: Motion by Doug Newell 2nd John O'Connor to approve as is. Passed unanimous
 - 5.11: Motion by Mike Gill 2nd John O'Connor to approve as is. Passed unanimous
- Article 6 Ordinances
 - 6.1: Motion by Chris Reisdorf 2nd Doug Newell to approve as is. Passed unanimous
 - 6.2A,B, C, D: Motion by Doug Newell 2nd John O'Connor to approve with addition of town web site to section C as is. Passed unanimous
 - 6.3: Motion by Mike Gill 2nd Chris Reisdorf to approve as is. Passed 5-0-1 (Doug Newell)
 - 6.4: Motion by Chris Reisdorf 2nd John O'Connor to approve as is. Passed unanimous
 - 6.5: Motion by Chris Reisdorf 2nd John O'Connor to approve as is. Passed unanimous
 - 6.6: Discussion to change the number of councilors need to move a charter objection following discussion a motion to change the number of councilors to 2 and add language that defines what section of the charter, state law or council rules has been violated. Motion by John O'Connor 2nd by Chris Reisdorf to accept changes. Passed unanimous
- Article 7 General Powers
 - 7.1: Motion by Chris Reisdorf 2nd Doug Newell to approve as is. Passed unanimous
 - 7.2: Motion by Chris Reisdorf 2nd Doug Newell to approve as is. Passed unanimous
 - 7.3: Motion by Chris Reisdorf 2nd Doug Newell to approve as is. Passed unanimous
 - 7.4: Motion by Doug Newell 2nd Mike Gill to approve as is. Passed unanimous
- Article 10 General Provisions
 - 10.1: Motion by Mike Gill 2nd John O'Connor to approve as is. Passed 5-1 (Brenda Willis)
 - 10.2: Motion by Chris Reisdorf 2nd Mike Gill to approve as is. Passed unanimous
 - 10.3A: Motion by Mike Gill 2nd John O'Connor to approve as is. Passed unanimous
 - 10.3B: Motion by Mike Gill 2nd Chris Reisdorf to approve as is. Passed unanimous
 - 10.3C: Motion by Chris Reisdorf 2nd Doug Newell to approve as is. Passed unanimous
 - 10.4: Motion by Doug Newell 2nd Mike Gill to approve as is. Passed unanimous
 - 10.5: Motion by Mike Gill 2nd John O'Connor to approve as is. Passed unanimous
 - 10.6: Motion by Mike Gill 2nd Chris Reisdorf to approve as is. Passed unanimous
 - 10.7: Table until review section 5.4
 - 10.8: Changes as follows. A: add state law remove RSA, J: add New Hampshire Motion by Chris Reisdorf 2nd John O'Connor pass as changed. Passed unanimous.
 - 11: Review with attorney as to the need for the section. Staff recommends removal. Section defines history of the 1993 original charter.

- Need to check with the attorney on the subject are town councilors considered town officers or employees. Based on response may need to adjust section to include term town councilors

Public Forum:

- No public comment was given
- Motion to adjourn by Chris Reisdorf 2nd by Doug Newell. Approved unanimous.