

**Town of Derry  
Charter Commission**

**Minutes of the Meeting of November 16th**

**Members Present:**

Mike Gill, Jim MacEachern, Chris Reisdorf, Brenda Willis, Doug Newell, Paul Dionne, Kim Cyr 6:40, Kevin Coyle 6:55.

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm

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 8.
- Chair also reported that staff has provided recommended changes to the charter ad they will be presented as we review.

**Commission Discussion:**

- Vote to accept minutes of November 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by Paul D. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike G. Passed 6-0
- Vote to accept minutes of November 7<sup>th</sup> motion by Mike G. 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul D. Passed 6-0
- Open discussion with regards to having the council chair as a full time position. While the discussion was detailed and many opinions were given as to positive and negative attributes of this idea. The results where to leave the chair position as is.
- Article 8 Administration of Government
  - 8.1 Motion by Mike Gill 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Dionne to approve as is 7-1(Kevin Coyle)
  - Re-open 8.1 to suggested changes Motion by Doug Newell 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Dionne (add severance and change council number to 4) passed 7-1 (Mike Gill.
  - 8.2 Motion by Chris Reisdorf 2<sup>nd</sup> Kim Cyr to change as amended (remove at time of appointment add unless contractually obligated) passed unanimous
  - 8.3 Motion by Kevin Coyle 2<sup>nd</sup> Kim Cyr to approve as amended (remove last sentence) passed unanimous.
  - 8.4 A Motion by Kevin Coyle 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Newell to change as amended ( add removed for any reason also remove the add any reason) passed unanimous
  - 8.4B Motion by Kevin Coyle 2<sup>nd</sup> Kim Cyr pass as is, Passed unanimous
  - 8.5A&B Motion by Chris Reisdorf 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Dionne to amend section by adding to A : Within 60 days of the March elections the town council shall define a succession plan of at least three persons to act as acting administrator, put in balance of section A Passed unanimous
  - 8.6A, B, C Motion by Doug Newell 2<sup>nd</sup> Kim Cyr as amended to section C (add with the approval of town council) all other sections A, B, D, E, F, G, H remain as is. Passed 7-1 (Kevin Coyle)
  - 8.7 Motion Kevin Coyle 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Gill to accept as amended (remove last sentence from as determined to charter) passed unanimous
  - 8.8A Motion by Kevin Coyle 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Dionne to approve as is. Passed unanimous
  - 8.8B Motion by Mike Gill 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Coyle to approve as is. Passed unanimous
  - 8.9 Motion by Kim Cyr 2<sup>nd</sup> by Paul Dionne to pass as amended (remove word draft add review) Passed unanimous.
  - 8.10 Motion by Doug Newell 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Gill pass as is. Passed unanimous

**Public Forum:**

- Al Dimock spoke as to the efforts of the commission and his thoughts on the changes presented thus far as well as concerns he had heard from other residents. In general he or persons he had spoken to we not in of the following items: all at large council members, having 5 members to the trustee of the trust funds and removal of the administrator from the planing board
- Motion to adjourn by Chris Reisdorf 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Newell. Approved unanimous.