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Charter Commission Meeting Minutes
March 29, 2010

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Meeting was held in the Moose Hill Council Chambers. 268B Mammoth Road, Londonderry.

In Attendance:
Brian Farmer, Lara McIntyre, Cris Navarro, Chris Paul, Deb Paul, Kathy Wagner, Steve Young

Absent:
Al Baldasaro, Marty Bove

Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance by Town Clerk Meg Seymour at 7:09pm. Meg asked for nominations of officers.

Deb Paul nominated Brian Farmer to serve as Chair of the Charter Commission. Motion was seconded by Lara McIntyre. Brian Farmer accepted the nomination. **Motion passed 7-0**.

Deb Paul nominated Cris Navarro to serve as Vice-Chair of the Charter Commission. Motion was seconded by Chris Paul. Cris Navarro accepted the nomination. **Motion passed 7-0.**

Kris Navarro nominated Deb Paul to serve as Secretary of the Charter Commission. Deb Paul declined the nomination. **Motion failed.**

Chris Paul nominated Lara McIntyre to serve as Secretary of the Commission. Motion was seconded by Brian Farmer. Lara McIntyre accepted the nomination. **Motion passed 7-0.**

Chairman Farmer invited Town Counsel Bart Mayer to explain the Charter Commission's role and to answer any questions the Commission may have. Counsel Mayer congratulates members of the Commission. Mayer said that the Charter Commission is now established for a specific and limited purpose, which is to look into creating an official ballot system for the town. The Charter Commission can determine what questions will be presented on the ballot, what the date for the Deliberative Session will be and what the date of the voting session should be. He says the Commission should look at the budgeting provisions for the charter to see if there is enough money to implement the plans the Commission would like to have (look at sections 5.3 and 5.4 of the Charter). The Commission has two weeks until the first public hearing where citizens will give their input. In the meantime, the Commission will need talk about how they are going to structure the official ballot voting system. Counsel Mayer says that he will be available for any questions to the Commission may have and will be reviewing the report that the Commission makes.

Vice-Chair Navarro asks if we are limited to one hearing. Counsel Mayer said there is one mandatory meeting within two weeks of this date, but you can have more. He says the Commission will need work sessions also to deliberate what we want to do. The Counsel said

to look into RSA's 13 & 14, which are "typical SB2" towns, which you can follow as a guide. The Commission can decide what goes on the ballot beyond what is on it already (i.e. bond issues).

Chris Paul asks if you want more hearings, how are they coordinated? Counsel Mayer says you'll have to coordinate timing, can post when they are going to be held, and coordinate where & when the Commission would like to have them.

Chairman Farmer asks Meg Seymour if she has already scheduled the hearing on April 12th in the Moose Hill Conference room. She says yes.

Steve Young makes a motion to have a public hearing on April 12th. Motion seconded by Kathy Wagner. **Motion passed 7-0.**

Kathy Wagner makes a motion to adjourn. Motion not seconded. **Motion failed.**

Steve Young makes a motion to follow Robert's Rules of Order. Counsel Mayer advises not to follow Robert's Rules because people don't know what they are because there are so many versions out there, but understands the need to get some structure. Chairman Farmer says there is a set of rules that are not as stringent as Robert's Rules that may work. He will bring them the next time. Motion not seconded. **Motion failed.**

Chairman Farmer asks the other members of the Commission if Monday nights are preferable. Chris Paul asks if it can be decided at next meeting. Chairman Farmer says yes and that he will look on the calendar to find out when the Moose Hill Conference Room is available.

Kathy Wagner makes a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Lara McIntyre. **Motion to adjourn passed 7-0 at 7:21pm.**