

**Charter Commission Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2010**

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

In Attendance:

Vice-Chair Cris Navarro, Secretary Lara McIntyre, Commissioners Al Baldasaro, Marty Bove, Chris Paul, Deb Paul, Steve Young.

Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Navarro at 7:02pm. Vice-Chair Navarro led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence for our troops.

Public Session

Vice-Chair Navarro mentions that Chairman Farmer will be late or unable to attend tonight's meeting. Chairman Farmer has been working on the outline for the report.

Commissioner Baldasaro discusses the topic he brought up last week regarding having state statues referred to in the revised charter. He did some research, particularly looking at Article 39 of the New Hampshire constitution, where it states that towns and cities must comply with New Hampshire state law, so whether we refer to it or not in the town charter, we have no choice but to comply.

Commissioner Baldasaro also wants to clarify that we are not adopting SB2. SB2 is the Senate Bill that gave a choice to cities and towns to approve having a deliberative session and official ballot voting. "SB2 town" is just a nickname people have given to towns that have adopted the official ballot voting style of government.

Charter Commission Discussion

Vice-Chair Navarro discusses what the Charter Commission will need in the report. Items include all of the approved minutes from past meetings, documents and handouts from visitors, the language in the charter that will be changed if approved by voters, any letters or opinions from the Town Attorney. Vice-Chair Navarro says she will talk to Chairman Farmer to make sure the outline gets out to members via email this week.

Vice-Chair Navarro asks Secretary McIntyre if she can work on a table of contents with appendix for all items that will be included in the report. Secretary McIntyre says she can work on it.

Commissioner Bove says that he cannot access the meeting minutes from the town's website, and can only get the draft minutes from August 9th. Secretary McIntyre says she will check with Margo LaPietro from the town to look into the matter.

Vice-Chair Navarro says we will need to meet again next week to finalize the draft report. Secretary McIntyre says she will check with Margo LaPietro from the town to schedule the School Board meeting room for Monday, August 23rd.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Baldasaro makes a motion to approve the minutes of August 9, 2010. Motion is seconded by Commissioner Chris Paul. **Motion approved, 6-0-1.**

Other Business

None.

Adjournment

Commissioner Young makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion is seconded by Commissioner Deb Paul. **Motion approved, 7-0. Meeting is adjourned at 7:15pm.**

Next Meeting Date:

Monday, August 23, 2010 at 7:00pm (tentative)