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2014-15 Charter Review Charge Committee

The 2014-15 Charter Review Charge Committee of the Newtown Legislative Council held a special meeting on Thursday May 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in Meeting Room 3 at the Newtown Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown, CT.

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Attendance: George Ferguson, Anthony Filiato, Dan Honan, Joe Girgasky and Mary Ann Jacob were present as was Michelle Ku from the Board of Education.

Voter Comment: There were no members of the public in attendance.

The Minutes of the Meeting of February 12, 2014 were approved unanimously on the motion to approve of Anthony Filiato and second by Dan Honan.

Communications: The committee has received and placed in the record a compilation of material received from Mary Ann Jacob that she in turn had received from Boards, Commissions, and Individuals. Each communication suggested areas of the Charter they proposed the Legislative Council consider for review.

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action:

- History and background of Charter Revision - there was a discussion of the Charter Review process over the past few years.
- Process and procedure discussion – The Charter Charge Committee discussed how it would proceed noting that it was its role to recommend and prepare a Charter Charge for the review and approval of the Legislative Council.
- Communications received – The Committee conducted a preliminary review of all of the material that it has received to date and noted that it expects to hear from one additional Board next week. The material represented a wide range of suggestions about areas of the Charter for review and consideration of the Legislative Council to consider in Seating and Charging the Charter Review Commission. The material covered a wide range of subjects that were focused on the Charter as well as other recommendations that fall outside the scope of this Committee's charge. The range of

suggestions included requests that specific sections of the Charter be reviewed to more specific suggestions.

- Preliminary time line – The Charter Charge Committee hope to meet again on June 4th and to be in the position to recommend a charge to the Legislative Council on June 18th
- Next steps and assignments as needed – All Committee members were asked to again review the material submitted. Mary Ann Jacob agreed to compile a spreadsheet of the areas being recommended for review and forward same to the committee by the end of next week. The document will be a sequential document by reference number and section for the used of the Committee. Anthony Filiato volunteered to prepare the written Charge for the Committee.

Old Business – There was no old business.

Voter Comment -There was no voter comment.

Announcements - None

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:15 on a motion to do so by Joe Girgasky.