

OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2018

Members Present: David Andrade, Nelson Almeida, David Viera,
Michelle Hines, David Parker

Town Administrator: Shawn E. Cadime

Atty. Lauren Goldberg of KP Law was in attendance.

Chairman Andrade opened the meeting at 7 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and moment of silence.

COMMUNITY SPEAKS – None.

PRIORITY MATTERS

Reconsider the Wording of the Ballot Question Regarding the Town Charter Amendment Relative to the Charter Commission

Atty. Goldberg was in attendance to clarify a concern raised at the previous Board of Selectmen meeting. The November 13, 2017 Town Meeting had voted to amend Article 3, Section 2 of the Charter. She noted this is the final day the Board can vote and provide written notice to the Town Clerk.

The wording of the amendment must be sent to each registered voter in town no later than two weeks prior to the election

She presented two options.

1. The November 13, 2017 Fall Annual Town Meeting voted to amend Article 3, section 2 of the Charter by inserting the following text, “Any registered voter shall be eligible to hold any elective office. No person shall simultaneously hold more than one elected office, provided, however that for purpose of this sentence, the term “elected office” shall exclude a charter commission elected under the provisions of G. L. c. 43b.
2. The November 13, 2017 Fall Annual Town Meeting voted to amend Article 3, Section 2 of the Charter. Currently, this section of the Charter prohibits an elected official from holding any other elected office. The amendment, if approved by the voters, will allow an elected official to also serve on a G.L. c. 43b elected Charter Commission.

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A motion was made by Mr. Viera, seconded by Mr. Parker, and it was

VOTED: 4 Ayes; 1 Nay; To proceed with #2 above.

The vote: Mr. Viera – Aye; Mr. Parker - Aye; Mr. Almeida – Aye; Chairman Andrade – Aye; Ms. Hines – Nay.

Prior to the vote, Ms. Hines asked if the language of the town meeting article would be included.

Atty. Goldberg said it could be but not required.

A motion was made by Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Viera, and it was unanimously

VOTED: To dissolve at 7:13 p.m.

The vote: Mr. Parker – Aye; Mr. Viera – Aye; Mr. Almeida – Aye; Ms. Hines, Aye; Chairman Andrade – Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

David Viera, Clerk

Prepared by:

Patricia Gamer, Secretary