

Seekonk Town Charter Committee

Date: Wednesday, May 24, 2017

Location: Selectmen's meeting room

Present: David Sullivan, Bob Richardson, Beth Eklund, Bob Blanchard, Joyce Leven

Absent: Kyle Laprade, John Alves

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

1. Organization of the committee: Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Clerk
  - a. Bob Richardson nominated as Chairman (no other nominations)
  - b. David Sullivan nominated as Vice Chairman (no other nominations)
  - c. Joyce Leven was nominated as Clerk (no other nominations)

David Saad made a motion to nominate the above, in aggregate.

Beth Eklund second

All in favor (5-0)

2. Bob Richardson suggested the committee review other town charters in order to compare. David Saad suggested we review our charter and see what's needed and change what is not. We should highlight, breakdown each per section and develop subcommittees to review.

3. Articles 1, 2, and 3 should be read and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

4. It is important to make sure the charter is inclusive. Flo will request community charters from other towns.

5. Meetings will take place on Fridays at 1:00pm. Will adjust if needed to accommodate an audience.

Dave Sullivan made a motion to accept meeting day and time.

David Saad second.

All in favor (5-0)

David Saad also suggested that we open meetings to public forum and look for some talent to assist with charter decisions.

6. Can the Board of Selectmen vote NOT to allow a referendum vote of the people-- can they decline a referendum for a vote to go to the polls at town meeting?

Chairman will submit a letter to the Town Administrator requesting clarification of State Law.

Dave Sullivan made a motion.

Beth Eklund second.

All in favor (5-0)

7. Next meeting is June 9, 2017 at 1:00pm at Seekonk Town Hall.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Prepared by Joyce M. Leven