

Seekonk Town Charter Study Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

Friday June 23, 2017

Town Hall Selectmen's Meeting Room

1:05pm Called to Order by Vice Chairman Sullivan

Not Present: Chairman Richardson, Clerk Joyce Levin, Member Bob Blanchard

Report of Clerk: None - Not Present (Previous Meeting Minutes)

Old Business:

- Discussion on items from previous meeting

-Quorum Number

-Elections

-Why are they Non-Partisan?

-How can or could we address the lack of candidates?

-Town Meetings

-Recall of Elected Officials Provisions

-Need to review other Charters and see how those communities address it.

-What if there is a tie vote?

-Primary Elections?

Vice Chairman to work on forming a list and submitting questions to the Town Administrator

for Legal Questions and Information.

Discussion about having voting precincts for Town Elections.

New Business:

Article 4 Discussion.

Housing Authority- Do we still need it?

Reason- Taken Over by Attleboro Housing Authority

- Stipends and Expenses for Elected Officials .

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- Filling of Board/Committee Vacancy

-Board with the opening must have a majority present and voting.

-Process MUST follow Roberts Rules of Order

Article 5 Discussion

Section 2 - Powers and Duties

-Direct contact with Department Heads

-BOS members are able to actively recruit candidates for Boards and Committees.

BOS members should have the right to Liaison with Department Heads but not interfere with

the Day to Day activities.

Why should the BOS wait for or need the Town Administrators recommendation?

Section 4

Town Council and a one year term -Why?

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Article 6

Town Administrator

Human Resources Director with Assistant Town Administrator?

HR Only?

Assistant TA only?

Section 3- Administration

Manager or Administrator?

RTM or Open Town Meeting?

-No Town Meeting At All?

Section 6 Appointments

Vacancy on the BOS- Process follows state law?

Capital Improvement Committee-

-DO we need one?

- Keep it or get rid of it?

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3:10pm Meeting Adjourned