

Seekonk Town Charter Committee
Friday, July 28, 2017
Selectman's Meeting Room
Town Hall, 100 Peck Street, Seekonk, MA

Called to order: 1:23 p.m.

Present: Bob Richardson, David Sullivan, David Saad, John Alves, Beth Eklund, Kyle Laprade, Joyce Leven

Absent:

June 9 minutes – notes approved

Motion: Beth Eklund Second: Bob Richardson All in favor

John Alves – let's get more detailed with regard to the following

- Sending letter – Revenue question – can we combine school and town finances
- We need to decide which charters we want to use.

Bob Richardson would like to begin reviewing the meeting notes in a more timely basis and then make the motions.

June 23 minutes – notes approved

Motion: Bob Richardson Second: Beth Eklund All in favor

Amend the minutes to reflect who is present and who is absent (John Alves)

July 14 minutes – Motion: David Sullivan Second: John Alves All in favor

Bob Blanchard resignation. Bob Richardson has advised that minutes must be approved before he submits Bob Blanchard's resignation to the TA.

Add to amend

Kyle Laprade abstains

August 11 and August 25 for next meetings

New Business –

Article 8, page 17, 18 General Provisions

Section 4 - Review and Revision of Town By-laws

- David Saad raised the point of accountability for review committees.

Section 7 – Counting of Days

- Add Saturday to this section to distinguish between business and calendar days.

Section 9 –

- Removing people – there has never been a written notice or a public hearing.

Section 11 –

- We need a Human Resources Director, not an advisory board, who is employed by the town. Should not be an Assistant Town Administrator. Should be an elected paid position. Who is hiring this person? TA and BOS. Change the language to represent an officer. Include a HR office job description, non-union, both towns and schools. We must stipulate between appointment and election. Possibility of a Personnel Hearing Board.

Article 9, page 18

Start bringing people in September. We are going to review charters at next meeting. Review and make motions/appointments at the last meeting in August. Everyone should review their charter choices, highlight and bring it in to share. We as a committee need to agree on our charter before we bring in additional people.

Reviewed Types of Government

Open Town Meeting

Representative

Town Council

RTM

Town Manager/Town Administrator/Executive Secretary

Meeting adjourned: 2:20 p.m.