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CHARTER COMMITTEE
MEETING OF 11/17/17

MINUTES

PRESENT: Kyle Laprade, John Alves, David Sullivan, Beth Ecklund and David Saad

Meeting was chaired by David Sullivan

David Sullivan called meeting to order at 1pm

Discussion was held on the formatting of the existing charter and adding a page.

Motion made by Kyle Laprade to table any discussions on form of government. And to leave any such discussion up to a charter commission.

Seconded by Beth Ecklund

Vote: unanimous to table.

Motion by John Alves to add the following words to the definition of Home Rule Charter under definitions. Add the words, "and any amendments to it" after the words "This Document"

Seconded by Dave Sullivan.

Discussion

Vote: Unanimous in favor

Motion by Kyle Laprade: Add, "Moderator must be a resident of the town of Seekonk, a registered voter and cannot be a member of the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and School Committee."

To Read

Section 2 Presiding Officer

A moderator shall be elected as provided in Article Five. The Moderator shall preside at all session of the town meeting, regulated the proceedings, decided all questions or order, make public declaration of all votes, and perform such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to the office through by-law or town meeting vote.

The town meeting may at any session elect a Moderator "pro tempore" to preside in the Moderator's absence. **Moderator must be a resident of the town of Seekonk, a registered voter and cannot be a member of the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and School Committee."**

Seconded by: Beth Ecklund

Discussion

Vote: Unanimous in Favor

Motion by John Alves: To add the following, "Utilizing *Roberts Rules of Order and Town Meeting Times*

Section 2 Presiding Officer will now read:

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Seconded by: David Saad
Discussion
Vote Unanimous in favor

Motion made by Beth Ecklund to have the first Monday in June for Spring Town Meeting and second Monday in November for Fall Town Meeting. BOS to have discretion to change these dates for just cause.

John Alves Seconded
Discussion
Vote: Unanimous in favor

Motion by Beth Ecklund to delete “Annually on dates and at time through the ByLaws” to read in whole:

Section 5 Procedures

Annual Meetings

Town meeting shall convene at least twice annually **on the first Monday in June for Spring Town Meeting and second Monday in November for Fall Town Meeting. BOS to have discretion to change these dates for just cause.**

. Provided however, that the first business meeting shall convene during April, May, or June to act on financial and other matters, including the consideration and adoption of an annual operating and capital budget. The second meeting shall convene during September, October, or November. The warrant shall be available to the voters at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting.

Dave Sullivan Seconded
Discussion
Vote: Unanimous in favor

Motion by Beth Ecklund to add “The Town of Seekonk shall make the warrant available via mail to each to each household of a registered voter at least fourteen (14) days prior to date of Spring and Fall Town Meetings.” To Article 2 Section 5

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Seconded by Dave Sullivan

Discussion

Vote: Unanimous in Favor

Motion by Beth Ecklund to put reorganization of charter committee on next agenda.

Seconded by Kyle Laprade

Vote: Unanimous in favor