

Charter Review Committee

March 28, 2012 Minutes

Attendees: Harry Romasco, Bill Kessler, Jim Legg, Barbara Hall (via Skype), Mary Pat Wickstrom, Arthur Dubois, Peter Emerick, Ken Redding (via Skype)

SEP 12 '12 PM 06:50

Absent: none

Meeting called to order by Chairman Romasco at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Citizen's Forum – Howard Fortner expressed concern that the Charter is not being followed
– Peter Ostroskey spoke about the Fire Chief appointment

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Meeting Agenda

1. Deliberations for final recommendation – the committee reviewed Marilyn Contreas' memo dated March 8, 2012 and made the following changes:
 - a. Article 3 Section 1(b) – remove “a Board of Health”.
 - b. Article 3 Section 1(g)(2) – restore the original wording. The committee had previously changed the word “and” to “or” after “fill the vacancy”.
 - c. Article 3 Section 2(d) – remove all number of members on committees. Also, change “non-permanent” to “temporary” in last sentence.
 - d. Article 3 Sections 8 and 9 – renumber these so 8 is now 9 and 9 becomes 8.
 - e. Article 4 Section 2(b) – change “dpw superintendent” to “superintendent of public works”. Remove “as provided in the zoning by-law” after “a board of appeals” which the committee had moved into this section.
 - f. Article 7 Section 6 – remove the current wording after “Charter Review” and replace with “The board of selectmen shall, at ten year intervals in each year ending in a zero, appoint a special committee to be composed of nine members. Appointments to the committee shall be made as follows: the board of selectmen, school committee, and finance committee shall each designate two members, and the town moderator shall appoint three members. Persons appointed shall not be members of the boards or committees appointing them. Following the final adjournment of the annual town meeting, the committee shall meet to organize forthwith. Such committee shall be established for the purpose of reviewing this charter and to make a report to town meeting. Such report shall include any proposed amendments to the charter as the committee may determine to be necessary or desirable. The committee shall report to the annual town meeting in the year following its appointment.”
 - g. In a subsequent communication from Ms. Contreas – the committee agreed to change “legal notice” to “public notice” in Article 2 Section 7(c), Article 5 Section 1, Article 6 Section 4 and Article 6 Section 7. In addition, it was agreed to change “twenty-four hours” in Article 7, Section 7(b) to “forty-eight hours”, this time requirement was confirmed with Town Clerk Kelly Bickford.
2. Minutes – Motion by Arthur to accept 2/22/12 minutes, seconded by Mary Pat, approved 6-0.
3. The next meeting is to be determined.
4. Motion to adjourn was made by Peter, seconded by Arthur. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Harry Romasco, Chair
Arthur Dubois, Vice Chair
Peter Emerick
Barbara Hall
Bill Kessler
Jim Legg
Ken Redding
Mary Pat Wickstrom


