WAREHAM CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 12, 2009

The following members were in attendance: Alan Slavin, Chairman, Mary Ann Silva, Clerk, Mick Jones, Vice Chairman, Len Gay, Edward Pacewicz, and Jack Houton. Absent were: David Smith, Donna Bronk, Finance Committee Liaison and Board of Selectmen Liaison, Brenda Eckstrom.

1. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS PRESENT:

The meeting was called to order by Alan Slavin, chairman, at 6:04 p.m. The Chair noted one member and two liaisons were absent and one member would be attending in about a half hour. It was reported that the agenda had been provided to all present. Member Leie Carmody arrived at 6:35 p.m.

2. REVIEW MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING:

The Chairman moved to review of the minutes for October 22, 2009. The Chairman asked all members if they had a chance to review the minutes. He then called for the motion, made by Mick Jones, to accept, second made by Jack Houton. He called for the discussion, hearing none, called the vote, which was 6-0-0 (unanimous) for acceptance.

3. WCTV APPEARANCE:

The Chairman and Vice Chairman reported on their appearance on November 9th on the local t.v. station. It was reported that the program lasted a little over an hour. They stated they received two phone calls. It was also reported that they had a pretty good discussion with Paul, stating that we want to get more of the message out, didn't really get to go back and explain everything, but did explain that we had a dissenting view as well. The Chair stated that they are rescheduled tentatively for the eleventh of January. The Chairman stated January 11th was tentative because we hope to have had our first public meeting before that in January.

4. REVIEW RESPONSES TO WEBSITE:

The Chairman began light discussion regarding public meetings and the need to conduct them on a night or day convenient for the public. It was discussed that each meeting should be spread out, as one member suggested, so that we would need time after such a meeting to discuss what was suggested to the Committee. He also reported that he had not seen any responses on what the Committee is doing at the Library, Town Clerk's Office or the website. He also reported seeing nothing in the newspapers.

5. OTHER BUSINESS:

The Committee continued the ongoing discussion regarding making sure that the WCTV is posting the program on their upcoming events calendar. A suggestion was made about possibly mailing out notices.

The Chairman asked if everyone had a copy of the Braintree Charter and asked all to read it before the next meeting. He added that they don't have everything we want, but they are very close, and it has already been accepted by the State, as they did all the work. The members then continued to work on the Charter revision.

6. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, November 24, 2009, at 6:00 p.m.

7. ADJOURN MEETING:

A motion was made by Ed Pacewicz to adjourn and seconded by Leie Carmody. Alan called the vote at 8:00 p.m., and it was recorded as unanimous for adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,
Many Ann Silva, Clerk