

WAREHAM CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 1, 2009

The following members were in attendance: Alan Slavin, Chairman, Mick Jones, Vice Chairman, Mary Ann Silva, Clerk, Edward Pacewicz, Jack Houton, and David Smith. Len Gay arrived a few minutes late. Absent were 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 6:00 p.m. The Chair noted the liaisons were absent and Len was not present. 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 November 12, 2009. The Chairman stated that we could let the minutes of November 12th and 24th go until the next meeting, as we have a guest speaker here tonight to discuss issues regarding presenting change of government.

3. GUEST SPEAKER:

The Chairman asked how would we proceed with the guest speaker, and Mr. Kevin Houchin from Braintree introduced himself and stated that he would like to give a brief presentation and then open the floor for questions.

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 Chairman handed out a copy of a letter from Jayne Hanley, the former chair of the last Charter Review Committee with some information and support of the present committee.

Public meetings were also discussed and the best way to notify the public about attendance and the importance of residents getting involved in the discussion.

A discussion ensued regarding the best way to reach the residents of the town. A suggestion was made to possibly use the upcoming town census, as it would not cost the town more money to send out notices of upcoming meetings and the need for residents to attend town meeting.

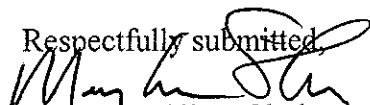
6. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, December 15, 2009, at 6:00 p.m.

7. ADJOURN MEETING:

A motion was made by John Houton to adjourn and seconded by Ed Pacewicz. Alan called the vote at 8:20 p.m., and it was recorded as unanimous for adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,


Mary Ann Silva, Clerk