

Charter Review Committee
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Minutes of the meeting of the 30th of June 2004.

Minutes of meeting of July 14th 2004

Present were: B. Gitlow, Chair, D. Franklin, R. Hankey, J. Houk,
J. Loewenstein, S. Robinson, R. Putnam.

Meeting was called at 7:02 by Chairman Gitlow.

After discussion it was decided that the standard distribution of minutes would be: one copy to Town Clerk, one copy to the Secretary of the BOS, and one additional copy to Doug Franklin for Library purposes. Further that there would not be any verbatim recording.

Doug Franklin agreed to attempt to locate a copy of the Bebout Report

The 98/99 Charter Review left a number of open issues, it was agreed that these could be reopened if requested, that this committee should endeavor to make some disposition of all issues raised during the life of this Committee.

The Chairman offered to compose a letter to be sent to all boards and committees, as well as the TA, Department heads, the Chiefs, the elected and appointed town officials and other interested parties that the committee may deem appropriate.

The Chairman asked if any of the members had any broad issues for the committee to consider.

J. Houk raised the issue that the question of policy versus administrative needs to be clarified.

B. Gitlow said that there is need to clarify the relationship between the TA and the BOS.

R. Putnam suggested that the duties of the Fin Comm. should be redirected toward planning, and also that the organization of the administrative functions of the Town should be reviewed.

B. Gitlow raised the issue of town employees be allowed to speak at Town Meeting in their own behalf.

The issue of the Board of Water Commissioners was raised. Presently the matter is in the hands of the AG.

Other issues raised were: Committee membership, sunset for ad hoc committees, the duties and responsibilities of the LRCP Review Committee

After motion duly made and seconded it was voted that a quorum of this committee will be 4 members, and that motion must carry by a majority of those present.

The Chairman requested that everyone bring their laundry list to the next meeting to be held in the Senior Ctr. on July 28th at 7:00 PM.

For the Committee


Roger L. Putnam, Clerk