

Charter Review Committee

Minutes of meeting of July 28th 2004

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

Meeting was called at 7:01 by Chairman Gitlow.

Minutes of the meeting of July 14th were approved as emended.

On motion duly made and seconded it was VOTED to deliver minutes to the BOS office, TA, Town Counsel, Moderator, Library, and Asst. TA for placement on Town website.

After discussion it was duly moved and seconded to send letter of invitation drafted by the Chairman, to all elected boards, committees or persons also to all appointed boards, committees or persons and further to all committees created by Town Meeting.

The Chair asked the members for their major or general issues.

These included clarification of language re powers and duties of the BOS vis-à-vis the TA raised by several members, the need for clarification of the duties of the Fin Comm., the need to clarify the difference between policy and administrative regulations, and the need to restructure the BOS's relationship with the public and with town employees.

The issue was raised as to whether or not the Committee should consider the original purposes for establishing the Charter and whether the present Charter has met those objectives.

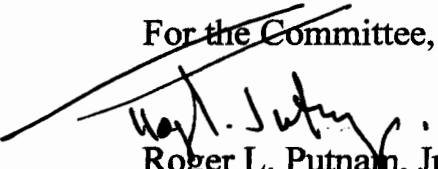
The Chair next proposed that we begin a section by section review of the Charter.

As members raised issues in re specific sections they were each asked to bring a proposed rewording of the issue or section in point to the next meeting. The Moderator, being present, he was asked to present revised wording for sections where he felt a problem might exist.

The next meeting was set for Wednesday August 11th at 7:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 PM.

For the Committee,


Roger L. Putnam, Jr.