MINUTES
Charter Revision Commission
Monday, November 29, 2010 @ 7:30PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members present: Vice Chairman Al Ermer, Al Bruno, Gary Biesadecki, Robin Andrews, and Navnit Mitter (7:39PM).
Not present: Trisha Danka and Irene Jecusco.
Others present: First Selectman Paul Roy, Maryanne Mascolo, Rick Belden, and Frank Loda.

Due to the absence of Chairman Trisha Danka, Vice Chairman Al Ermer will step in as Chairman for the evening.

ITEM # 1 – Call meeting to order.
Meeting was called to order at 7:35PM.

ITEM # 2 – Pledge of Allegiance.
Everyone saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM # 3 – Approve minutes from Charter Revision Commission meeting on 11/15/10.
Motion to approve minutes from Charter Revision Commission meeting on 11/15/10.
Motion: Al Bruno Second: Gary Biesadecki
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

ITEM # 4 – Correspondence.
Trisha Danka states through Deirdre Caruso:
- She would like the word “immediately” put back in the 2nd paragraph, 2nd column on page CHT:24.
- She would like the WPCA issue with the Board of Finance to be discussed during the next appointed Charter Revision Commission.

Colleen Fries, Town Counsel stated through Deirdre Caruso:
- She would like the Commission members to know that taking out the last sentence in paragraph 3 page CHT:24, but wants to make sure that the issue has closure somewhere else in the section.
- Concerning the sentence added to have the moderator adjourn the Annual Town Meeting to referendum, she will need to research that further.

ITEM # 5 – Public Comment.
None.

Motion to add discussion with Board of Education personnel to the Agenda.
Motion: Gary Biesadecki Second: Robin Andrews
Vote: 5-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

The Commission asks for a definition of legal obligations from the Board of Education.
- Superintendent Maryanne Mascolo and Assistant Superintendent Rick Belden explain that the Board of Education determines the legal obligations by the State Statute and the MBR of the
ECS Grants. Also, Legislators update these grants and requirements so they are not the same in any given year. They will also be updating the MBR language this year. There isn’t any check list defined.

Motion to put the word immediately back into the Charter on page CHT:24, 2nd column, 2nd paragraph.
Motion: Al Bruno  
Second: Gary Biesadecki  
Vote: 5-Yes 0-0 0-Abstain

- Commission would like to “bullet” the WPCA issue for the next appointed Charter Revision Commission.

ITEM # 6 – Take action to validate all previous changes from Chapter 12, Sections 12.1, 12.2, & 12.3.
Motion to validate all prior motions for changes to Town of Seymour Charter Chapter 12, Sections 12.1, 12.2, & 12.3, as of 11/22/10.
Motion: Robin Andrews  
Second: Navnit Mitter  
Vote: 5-Yes 0-0 0-Abstain

ITEM # 7 – Discussion, review, and take action on Chapter 12, Sections 12.4 & 12.5.
- Commission would like to ask Town Counsel if the word “illegal” is proper in the last sentence in column 1 on page CHT:25.

Motion to add “calendar” between (30) and days in the last sentence in section 12.4(b) 1st paragraph.
Motion: Robin Andrews  
Second: Gary Biesadecki  
Vote: 5-Yes 0-0 0-Abstain

Motion to add “calendar” between (30) and days in the second paragraph, page CHT:26.
Motion: Robin Andrews  
Second: Navnit Mitter  
Vote: 5-Yes 0-0 0-Abstain

Motion to add after the word shall in paragraph 3, page CHT:26 “request that the Board of Selectmen call” and delete the words, “pass on to”.
Motion: Al Bruno  
Second: Robin Andrews  
Vote: 5-Yes 0-0 0-Abstain

Motion to take out the quotation marks in 12.4(d) around the words natural disaster and unforeseen events.
Motion: Gary Biesadecki  
Second: Al Bruno  
Vote: 5-Yes 0-0 0-Abstain

Motion to add the word Capital in between a and reserve and capitalize (R) in reserve and delete the phrase “which shall be called the Capital Reserve Fund for the purposes of this Charter.”, in Section 12.4(e), 1st sentence.
Motion: Robin Andrews  
Second: Navnit Mitter  
Vote: 5-Yes 0-0 0-Abstain

Motion to change the word “he” to “that member” in section 12.4(g).
Motion: Navnit Mitter  
Second: Al Bruno  
Vote: 5-Yes 0-0 0-Abstain
Motion to add “with the assistance of the Finance Director, and/or the Assistant Finance Director, as well as the Board of Selectmen” to section 12.4(h), 1st sentence after the word Finance.

Motion: Navnit Mitter  Second: Gary Biesadecki
Vote: 5-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain

Motion to re-write the last sentence in Section 12.5, 1st paragraph on page CHT:26.1 to read, “If extenuating circumstances prevail after the extension is approved by the State Tax Commissioners Office, the Board of Selectmen may extend this date.”

Motion: Al Bruno  Second: Gary Biesadecki
Vote: 5-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain

Next meeting the Commission will review Sections 13.1 and 13.2.

ITEM # 8 – Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn at 8:56PM.

Motion: Robin Andrews  Second: Navnit Mitter
Vote: 5-Yes  0-No  0-Abstain

Submitted by,

Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary