

MINUTES
Board of Selectmen Public Hearing
Monday, August 27, 2012 @ 7:00 PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

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Members Present: W. Kurt Miller, Nicole Klarides-Ditria, Gary Bruce, Al Bruno, Theresa Conroy, Annmarie Drugonis, Karen Stanek

Other Present: Melanie Kalako, Judy Flood, Jeanne Loda, Trisha Danka, Frank Loda, Gary Freeman, Jeanne Falbo-Sosnovich, Sean Walsh

ITEM #1 - First Selectman W. Kurt Miller called public hearing to order at 7:05 PM.

ITEM #2 - Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #3 – Public Comment

First Selectman asks for any and all public comments pertaining to the charter revision changes to be limited to 3 minutes.

Frank Loda – 27 Osprey Drive - asks for clarification on the 3 minute rule.

Trish Danka – 203 Pearl Street – She wants to point out Section 12.1 and Section 12.2 are duplicates. She also voices concern over changing the language to require 50 people at the annual town meeting because she has not seen 50 people there in a long time.

Melanie Kalako – 7 Third Avenue – There were things that came up at the last charter committee meeting that were not placed on the agenda and therefore could not be discussed. They are also not here to be under your consideration. These changes are on the summary sheet I provided, and I really hope that you would put the Culture & Arts Commission section into the charter because they do a lot of work for the town and should be recognized by the town.

Sean Walsh – 126 Pearl Street – A couple of people voiced concerns over some boards being changed to become an elected board, for instance P&Z. It is difficult to fill a slate as it is and you would be adding politics into a situation because many unaffiliated voters would not be able to be put on the slate.

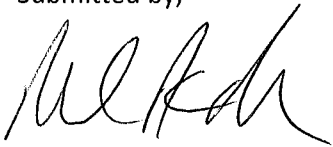
Frank Loda – 27 Osprey Drive – We did review the questions that have arose in terms of the elected boards as well as the 50 person quorum for Town Meeting. I have been involved on Board of Finance in the past and the budget did used to be decided by those people that came to Town Meeting. I think the Town has a responsibility, and the BOF has responsibility, to ensure we have 50 people in order to go to referendum. I think it was illegal to do it that way, but we have adopted budgets over the last two years. The new language is to ensure we have a quorum at a town meeting before adjourning to referendum. As far as the elected positions are concerned, we discussed at length, and we have decided to go forward with what is presented here as staggered terms.

Melanie Kalako – 7 Third Avenue – For 98% of this charter, there was unanimous agreement. There was no disagreement in the Finance section where the 50 person quorum would be a requirement. There was only disagreement for one board, but we staggered the terms to come to agreement. For the most part we were in agreement on everything in the charter and we worked very well together as a group. Everyone tried to put politics aside and come to what is best for the town.

ITEM # 4 – Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 7:16 by Theresa Conroy. Second by Annmarie Drugonis. Motion passes 7-0-0.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Kurt Miller', written in a cursive style.

W. Kurt Miller
First Selectman
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