

Special Meeting
Minutes
Charter Revision Commission
Monday, June 18, 2012
Norma Drummer Room

Members Present: Frank Loda, Melanie Kalako, Gary Freeman, Jon Szuch, Jake Liedke, Robert Koskelowski Sr.

Other Members: Town Council, John Popik, Jim Simpson, David Bitso

Item 1- Chairman calls meeting to order.

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman Mr. Freeman, at 7:32 PM.

Item 2- Pledge of Allegiance

Everyone stood to salute the Flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item 3- Public Comment

David Bitso- asked the Commission to review Planning & Zoning again, and to not to change the board to an elected one.

Item 4- Acceptance of Minutes from Special Meeting on June 6, 2012.

Commission accepted the Minutes from June 6, 2012.

Motion: Jon Szuch, Second: Jake Liedke

Discussion: Frank Loda asked to exam Inland Wetlands.

Vote: Yes-5, No-0, Abstain-1 (Mr. Koskelowski)

Item 5- Acceptance of Minutes from Special Meeting on June 11, 2012.

Commission tabled Minutes from June 11, 2012.

Motion: Frank Loda, Second: Ms. Kalako

Vote: Yes-6, No-0, Abstain-0

Item 6- Discuss and/or take action on the Charter regarding the Board of Assessment Appeals, Planning & Zoning Commission, Parks Comm., Recreation Comm., WPCA, the Library Board, the Annual Town Meeting, the Budget Adoption process, Police Commission, Inland Wetlands Comm., the Commission on Aging, Department of Public Works, Sewer Use Rate Review, General Rules for Commissions and Boards, Special Acts included in the Charter and the HR Department.

Mr. Koskelowski- asked if Town Council could review the Town Charter and come back to the Commission with an illegal opinion.

Ms. Kalako & Mr. Loda- disagrees with Mr. Koskelowski request, citing at a later date Town Council will review the draft version of the Charter.

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Commission eliminated the sentence stating the current police chief does not have to sign a contract.

Motion: Mr. Loda, Second: Ms. Kalako

Vote: Yes-4, No-2, Abstain-0

The Commission changed "The Chief and Captain positions shall have a minimum of a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice or in a related field with advanced education and or training is desirable. Also requires a minimum of 10 years service as a police officer and 5 years at a command level officer."

Motion: Mr. Koskelowski, Second: Mr. Loda

Vote: Yes-6, No-0, Abstain-0

Section 10.11 Planning and Zoning Commission

The commission would change back from an elected to appointed board.

Motion: Mr. Koskelowski, Second: None

Motion dies.

The Commission changed anywhere there is any language of a written job review by an elected board to recommendation for written objectives.

Motion: Ms. Kalako, Second: Mr. Loda

Vote: Yes-6, No-0, Abstain-0

Item 7- Discuss and/or take action on the organization of the Charter.

No action

Item 8- Discuss recommendations for the Board of Selectmen to compliment the submission of the proposed Charter changes.

The Commission tabled Item 8.

Motion: Ms. Kalako, Second: Mr. Loda

Vote: Yes-5, No-1, Abstain-0

Item 9- Discuss schedule of Charter Revision meetings.

Next Special Meeting June 25, 2012, at 6:00 PM.

Item 10- Public Comment.

No Public Comment.

Item 11- Adjournment

Motion: Ms. Kalako, Second: Mr. Loda

Vote: Yes-6, No-0, Abstain-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Thompson
Recording Secretary