

Charter Revision Commission
Special Meeting
Minutes
May 30, 2012
Town Hall, Norma Drummer Room

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

Others Present: Sean Walsh, Jean Loda, Gary Bruce, Bill Paecht, Bill Sawicki

Item 1-Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Mr. Freeman, at 7:03 pm

Item 2-Pledge of Allegiance

The group stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Item 3-Public Comment

Sean Walsh-corrected a statement he made at the last meeting and said the report to the Charter Revision Commission was not passed unanimously by the Board of Public Works.

Gray Bruce-suggested the Charter Revision Commission may want to review Chapter 13 and expand the definition of what it means to participate in a town meeting; particularly in the age of electronic communication.

Bill Sawicki-The State Tax Commissioner's Office does not supervise the audit process for the Town. Section 12.5 of the Charter, first paragraph last sentence should be change to read the Office of Management and Policy.

Item 4- Acceptance of the Minutes from May 21, 2012

Motion: Melanie Kalako, Second: Jon Szuch

Discussion: Ms. Kalako and Mr. Loda both raised questions concerning the draft for section 8a.1, and the rest of the commission corrected their misunderstandings.

Mr. Thompson requested that future agendas be broaden so all portions of the Charter may be discussed at any meeting.

Vote: Yes-6 No- Abstain-1 (Mr. Koskelowski)

Item 5- Discuss and/or take actions on Charter; regarding Board of Public Works, Planning & Zoning Commission, Parks, Recreation, WPCA, Library Board and the Commission on Aging.

Board of Public Works

Mr. Koskelowski motioned to accept section 10.13that was presented at the last meeting with changes made by the Charter Revision Commission, but to add back in the last sentence which referred to the care and maintenance of town parks.

Second: Mr. Thompson

After considerable discussion, both the motion and the second were retracted.

No action was taken.

Parks Commission

No action taken

Commission on Aging

10.15

Mr. Koskelowski, recused himself from the discussion and vote on the Commission of Aging.

Mr. Loda motioned to accept the language which was submitted by the Aging Commission with amendments by the Charter Revision Commission.

Second: Ms. Kalako

Mr. Koskelowski excused himself at 8:25pm.

Section 10.15. - Commission on Aging.

There shall be a Commission on Aging consisting of five (5) members who shall be an administrative appointment of the First Selectman for ~~overlapping~~ terms of two (2) years. In 2013, two (2) members shall be appointed for two (2) years, in 2014 three (3) members shall be appointed for four (4) years. In 2015 and thereafter members will be appointed for four (4) year terms.

The Commission shall make a continuing study of the needs of the elderly of Seymour in relation to housing, welfare, health, recreation and other matters they may identify. It shall analyze the services for the aged provided by the community both by public and private agencies, in cooperation with state and other services to the fullest extent possible.

The Commission shall be responsible for the oversight of the general management and supervision of all activities, including the purchase and maintenance of all Senior Center property and equipment. It shall also develop and recommend a yearly budget proposal in conjunction with the Director of Elderly Services, for submission to the First Selectman and Boards of Selectmen and Finance as required by Section 12.3 of this Charter.

The Commission shall encourage the participation of older residents at a Town provided Senior Center for social, educational, recreational, and cultural programs. The Senior Center shall provide a handicapped equipped vehicle to transport senior citizens to medical, dental and therapy appointments, adult day care, shopping, and other special needs as determined by the Commission.

The Commission shall be the policy making authority and shall establish defined objectives to be executed by the Director of Elderly Services. It shall be responsible for interviewing the applicants for all employment positions and shall furnish the names of the top three (3) candidates to the Board of Selectman for their consideration and action. The Commission shall also maintain a record of annual dues and fees for membership in the Senior Center and will submit all proceeds to the Town's Finance Department for accountability purposes.

(Amend. of 11-6-90; Amend. of 11-8-94)

Vote: Yes-5 No-0 Abstained-1 Mr. Thompson Recused-1 Mr. Koskelowski

Recreation Commission

Mr. Thompson has offered to draft a rewrite for this section, and contact the Recreation Commission.

No action taken.

Library Board

The Library Board will be contacted for its suggestions.

No action taken.

Planning & Zoning Commission

The changes submitted by Ms. Kalako were tabled as there were incongruities with what was submitted. The document submitted by Ms. Kalako will be reworked and resubmitted at the next meeting.

No action taken.

Water Pollution Control Authority

The document submitted by Ms. Kalako was discussed and the proposed changes are still under review. Mr. Thompson offered to rewrite this section and bring it to the next meeting.
No action taken.

Item 6- Discuss and/or take actions on Charter; concerning the annual Town Meeting and Budget adoption process.

No action taken.

Item 7-Discuss time requirement for presentation of Charter Revision all stages and hearings.

Mr. Freeman discussed the timeline for when the Charter Revision Commission's work must be completed in order to have its report on the ballot in November.

Mr. Thompson suggested Mr. Freeman type-up the timeline and create a work schedule for the next meeting.

Item 8-Public Comment

None

Item 9- Adjournment

Motion: Mr. Thompson, Second: Ms. Kalako

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

Meeting was adjourned at 10:08 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Thompson
Recording Secretary