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## MINUTES Charter Revision Commission Public Meeting Monday, 19 March 2012 Community Center Meeting Room

Members Present: Gary Freeman, Bob Koskelowski, Frank Loda, Mark Thompson, Melanie Kalako, Tom Schutte, Jon Szuch, Chris Falcioni, Jack Liedke.

Item #1 Gary Freeman to call the meeting to order. Meeting called to order at 7:35pm by Gary Freeman.

Item #2 Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone salutes the Flag and states the Pledge of Allegiance.

Item #3 Format of meeting.

Gary Freeman discussed procedure for public speakers to express their concerns and suggestions regarding possible Charter changes. Frank Loda and Bob Koskelowski added their thoughts and experiences as to the process for the meeting.

Item #4 Jim Simpson was recognized. Jim discussed issues related to the Police Department including hiring/employment standards for the Chief, Captain and Lieutenant.

Item #5 Discussion from the committee initiated by Melanie Kalako requested that any information which the speakers or subsequent contributors wanted to offer should be given to the committee in advance of the meeting that it would be discussed.

Item #6 Lucy McConologue was recognized.

Lucy discussed issues related to procedures with regard to Special Meetings and voting.

Item #7 Sean Walsh was recognized. Sean discussed issues related to Public Works and the relationship of the Board of Public Works. Sean also discussed changes to our form of government. Item #8 Joan Gee was recognized. Joan discussed issues related to the Commission on Aging.

Item #9 Kurt Miller, First Selectman was recognized. Kurt discussed possible directions of this commission including form of government and the previous recommended changes which were not implemented because of turnout at the previous election.

Item #10 After requesting any additional speakers share their concerns, and no reply, the public input portion of the Public Hearing was determined to be completed.

Item #11 The committee discussed procedures for reviewing the Charter by reviewing sections of the Charter at each meeting, chapter by chapter. Any previous changes which were not approved will be integrated into the discussions at the appropriate time.

Item #12 The meeting was adjourned.

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Gary Freeman, Chairman