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Charter Revision Commission
Special Organizational Meeting
Thursday, February 23, 2012 @ 7:00PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

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

Not present: Jack Liedke.

Others present: First Selectman W. Kurt Miller.

ITEM # 1 – First Selectman W. Kurt Miller to call meeting to order.

Meeting was called to order by W. Kurt Miller at 7:09PM.

ITEM # 2 – Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone salutes the Flag and states the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM # 3 – First Selectman W. Kurt Miller will discuss the charge of the Commission.

Kurt Miller: Some housekeeping issues. Tells the members that the appointing resolution done at the Board of Selectmen meeting needs to be amended. It stated the term as one year when the term needs to be when the final report is either accepted or rejected by the Board of Selectmen. This will be on the agenda for the March 6th meeting.

Kurt also asks for each members name and party affiliation. There are 5 Republicans and 4 Democrats on the Commission. Town Counsel is checking whether or not this is proper and if at least one unaffiliated member should be appointed with an even amount of the other political party's members.

Kurt provides the changes and recommendations made last February 2011 in which the previous Charter Revision Commission only edited sections 12 & 13. He is asking this Commission to look at the entire Charter. Would like the entire Charter checked for typo's. He also will not give specific recommendations to this Commission and feels everyone appointed is more than capable of making good changes. Asks that everyone please work together for the best interest of the town and leave politics out of the mix. Also when going through entire charter keep the future in mind.

Kurt would also like the changes on the ballot in November for the presidential election this year. Town counsel will come to the meeting and explain target dates and will be available for any meeting if requested within reason. Would like members to email any changes or questions that they may have for Town Counsel if need be.

Email members the contact list and a copy of the charter in a word document.

Frank Loda: States that State Statute 7-190 spells out all requirements for a Charter Revision Commission and feels that the Commission was appointed properly.

ITEM # 4 – Appoint Chairman.

Mark Thompson nominates Gary Freeman for Chairman, seconded by Bob Koskelowski.

8-Yes 0-No

ITEM # 5 – Appoint Vice-Chairman.

Bob Koskelowski nominates Jon Szuch for Vice-Chairman, seconded by Melanie Kalako.

8-Yes 0-No

ITEM # 6 – Appoint Secretary.

Table Item.

8-Yes 0-No

ITEM # 7 – Establish meeting schedule.

Meetings will be held on the 1st and 3rd Monday's in the Norma Drummer Room at 7:00PM.

First Public Hearing will be on March 19, 2012 at 7:30PM in the Norma Drummer Room.

Would like all Boards, Commissions and Departments notified that the Charter will be reviewed to give any recommendations.

ITEM # 8 – Discussion of Town of Seymour Charter Revision.

Bob Koskelowski: Would like to take a look at the Town Meeting Section, Public Works Board, and Police Department.

Mark Thompson: Would like to review the entire Charter and would like to invite Boards and Commissions for discussion if reviewing their particular section.

Gary Freeman: Would like to take a 2-step method by drafting communication to let Boards/Commissions/Departments know that their input is welcome and then use that to make changes. Would also like to make sure that we are addressing all issues.

Bob Koskelowski: We must have Public Hearings.

Melanie Kalako: Agrees with Bob about getting people in early to give recommendations.

Frank Loda: Initial Public Hearing is a good idea, but still would like to see people coming into specific meetings to discuss specific issues.

Gary Freeman: Would like to establish a flow chart for members to track issues.

Frank Loda: Passes out a copy of steps and schedule to use as a guide to help members.

ITEM # 9 – Public Comment.

W. Kurt Miller: Thanks the group for their effort and being involved.

Gary Freeman: Asks that anyone that needs to contact him to use his cell number and not his home number.

ITEM # 10 – Adjournment.

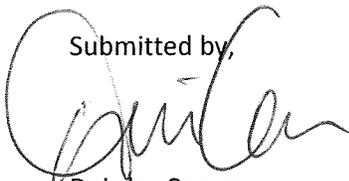
Motion to adjourn at 7:16PM.

Motion: Mark Thompson

Second: Melanie Kalako

8-Yes 0-No

Submitted by,



Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by,



W. Kurt Miller,
First Selectman