

MINUTES
Charter Revision Commission
Monday, December 13, 2010 @ 7:30PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members present: Trisha Danka, Gary Biesadecki, Navnit Mitter and Irene Jecusco.
Not present: Al Bruno, Al Ermer, and Robin Andrews.
Others present: First Selectman Paul Roy.

ITEM # 1 - Call meeting to order.
Meeting was called to order at 7:55PM.

ITEM # 2 - Pledge of Allegiance.
Everyone saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM # 3 - Approve minutes from Charter Revision Commission meeting on 11/29/10.
Motion to approve minutes from Charter Revision Commission meeting on 11/29/10.
Motion: Gary Biesadecki Second: Navnit Mitter
Vote: 3-Yes (Trisha Danka, Gary Biesadecki, Navnit Mitter) 0-No
1-Abstain (Irene Jecusco)

ITEM # 4 - Approve Minutes from Charter Revision Commission meeting on 12/6/10.
Motion to approve minutes from Charter Revision Commission meeting on 12/6/10 contingent upon members present/absent and others added.
Motion: Irene Jecusco Second: Gary Biesadecki
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

ITEM # 5 - Correspondence.
An email was received from Colleen Fries, Town Counsel, which states the following responses from questions asked by the Commission:
The following represents my opinion with regard to the issues that the Charter Revision Commission raised at its meetings:

1. With regard to Section 12.4 and the word "illegal" in the last sentence of the first column, I do not think it makes any difference legally whether that word is taken out or remains so the Commission can make their decision accordingly.
2. With regard to the addition of the sentence "The Town Meeting shall be adjourned to a referendum by the Moderator", I agree that that sentence should be added.
3. With regard to the term "legal obligations" I believe that a proper interpretation of "legal obligations" would be any obligations conferred on the town by state statutes or town charter. I do not believe we can or should define that term in a narrower sense in the charter.

ITEM # 6 - Public Comment.
None.

ITEM # 7 - Discussion, review, and take action on any or all sections in Chapter 12 and/or Chapter 13.

Motion to take out the sentence "Legal obligations shall include staffing of teacher at the level maintained as of September 1st of the prior year less any positions that do not have to be filled." and add the sentences, "Legal obligations would be any obligations conferred on the town by state statutes or town charter. The Chief Financial Officer of the Seymour Public School System and the Town's Finance Director shall supply the Board of Finance each year with specific legal obligations and MBR (minimum budget requirements).", to page CHT: 24, 1st column, paragraph (a).

Motion: Navnit Mitter

Second: Gary Biesadecki

Vote: 4-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

ITEM # 8 - Set Public Hearing Date.

Motion to set public hearing for Monday, December 20, 2010 at 7:30PM in the Norma Drummer Room, Seymour Town Hall on the draft report of the Charter Revisions.

Motion: Irene Jecusco

Second: Navnit Mitter

Vote: 4-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

ITEM # 9 - Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 8:13PM.

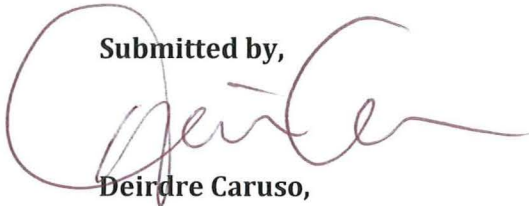
Motion: Navnit Mitter

Second: Irene Jecusco

Vote: 4-Yes 0-No

0-Abstain

Submitted by,



**Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary**