

## Charter Revision Commission Minutes

Monday, Dec. 6, 2010

Members present: Trisha Danka, Al Ermer, Al Bruno, Irene Jecusco, and Robin Andrews.

Not present: Gary Biesadecki and Navnit Mitter.

Others present: First Selectman Paul Roy and Frank Loda.

- Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- No minutes to be approved; Deirdre Caruso has been sick
- Review of Section 13.1: Town Meeting; General
  - Motion to add to 13.1(c): add “as well as the town website” at the end of the full paragraph after the word “meeting”. Motion - Irene; Second - Robin; all in favor.
- Review of 13.2 Special Town Meetings
  - Motion to remove periods and add semicolons (;) at ends of subsections (a) through (i), and motion to add an “or” after the semicolon inserted after section (i) only. Motion – Robin; Second – Al E. All in favor.
- Motion to add general conversation of Chapters 11, 12, and 13 to the Agenda. Motion – Robin; Second – Al E.
  - Discussion ensued regarding adding some kind of general guidance about “legal obligations” of the Board of Education to the relevant Charter sections so folks have an idea about what such legal obligations are when they read the Charter. All agreed that we cannot get too specific with our proposed language in the case federal and state statutes citations are changed in the future as it would cause confusion.
  - Committee asked Al B. to give brief summaries of legal obligations of Boards of Education, as well as the role and duties of Boards of Finance in CT municipalities for next week. Also, Al B. will bring Education Law attorney Tom Mooney’s book to the next meeting for folks to peruse.
- Motion to table Public Hearing discussion to the next meeting. Motion – Robin; Second – Irene. All in favor. Dee to put on next meeting’s Agenda -- “take action” to schedule a Public Hearing.
- Discussion about 12.3(a): (Doug Thomas, Finance Director, attended meeting and was asked questions about town tax matters). Motion to add after the last sentence of the final paragraph ending with “Connecticut General Statutes” the following sentence - “The grand list shall not be completed until January 31 of the same fiscal year.” Motion – Al B.; Second – Irene. All in favor.
- Motion to add public comment. Motion – Al E.; Second – Robin. All in favor. No public comment made.
- Committee requested that Al B. outline the Charter sections 11, 12, and 13 using proper outline format and to present next week or the week after.
- Motion to adjourn. Motion – Robin; Second – Irene.