## **MINUTES**

## Charter Revision Commission Monday, November 15, 2010 @ 7:30PM Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members present: Chairman Trisha Danka, Gary Biesadecki, Al Ermer, Al Bruno, Irene Jecusco, and

Robin Andrews.

Not present: Navnit Mitter. Others present: Frank Loda.

ITEM #1 - Call meeting to order.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:30PM.

ITEM # 2 - Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone salutes the Flag and states the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #3 - Approve minutes from Charter Revision Commission meeting on 11/8/10.

Motion to approve minutes from Charter Revision Commission meeting on 11/8/10.

Motion: Al Bruno Second: Robin Andrews

Vote 5-Yes (Trisha Danka, Al Bruno, Gary Biesadecki, Robin Andrews, Irene Jecusco)

0-No 1-Abstain (Al Ermer)

## ITEM # 4 - Correspondence.

- Email from the Superintendent stating that they will attend the November 29, 2010 Charter Revision Commission meeting to discuss the Commission's request for clarification on the definition of "Legal Obligations".
- Email from member Irene Jecusco with her recommendations for revision in tonight's meeting.
- Email from member Gary Biesadecki with his recommendations for revision in tonight's meeting.

ITEM #5 - Public Comment.

None.

ITEM # 6 – Discussion and review of Chapter 12, Sections 12.3(b) & 12.3(c).

Motion to approve recommendation to change Section 12.3(a), paragraph 7 to read, "The Town Budget calendar shall be subject to requirements of the Connecticut General Statutes insofar as any specific language of the Connecticut General Statutes supersedes the requirements of the local charter provisions."

Motion: Al Bruno Second: Irene Jecusco

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Get clarification from Doug Thomas on his recommendation under Section 12.3(a) to add that
the Assessor's taxable property list is not completed until January 31, or if extended until
February 28.

Motion to exchange the word January for "December", take out the wording "of each year" throughout the entire sentence, and add "through the Finance Director" after the words budget request forms in the first sentence of Section 12.3(b).

Motion: Robin Andrews Second: Gary Biesadecki

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Motion to add the word "calendar" between (45) and days in the second sentence in Section 12.3(b).

Motion: Robin Andrews Second: Irene Jecusco

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Motion to add to the end of the first sentence on page CHT:23, 2<sup>nd</sup> column, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, after the word deficits, "with the assistance of the Finance Director".

Motion: Robin Andrews Second: Irene Jecusco

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Motion to add to the 4<sup>th</sup> sentence on page CHT:23, 2<sup>nd</sup> column, 1<sup>st</sup> paragraph, after the words circulation in the Town, "and the Town Website" and add the word "calendar" between the (10) – days.

Motion: Irene Jecusco Second: Robin Andrews

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Motion to change the word "should" to "will" in the last sentence, page CHT:23, 2<sup>nd</sup> column, 1<sup>st</sup>

paragraph.

Motion: Gary Biesadecki Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Motion to take out the word "last" in (1), page CHT:23, 2<sup>nd</sup> column and replace it with, "the current

fiscal".

Motion: Irene Jecusco Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Motion to add the words, "as well as, intra-line transfers" to (3), page CHT:23, after the words approved line item budgets.

Motion: Robin Andrews Second: Al Ermer

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Motion to add ";" to the end of each numbered item 1-5 on page CHT:23, column 2 and at the end of

item # 5 insert "and".

Motion: Gary Biesadecki Second: Irene Jecusco

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Motion to add "and the Town Website" after the word "Library" in the last sentence, in the last paragraph on page CHT:23.

Motion: Al Bruno Second: Al Ermer

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

 Commission members would like to wait until Board of Education and Superintendent Staff attend the next meeting to discuss item (a), page CHT:24, column 1, concerning "staffing of teachers".

Motion to delete the word "this" from the 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph on page CHT:24 and replace it with "the

Annual Town".

Motion: Al Ermer Second: Gary Biesadecki

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Motion to add to paragraph 4, page CHT:24 after the word "appropriation" the words "with quorum

as defined in Chapter 13.1.(f),".

Motion: Robin Andrews Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Motion to delete the 2<sup>nd</sup> sentence in paragraph 3, page CHT:24, which states, "No appropriation shall be made for any purpose not recommended by the Board of Finance".

Motion: Al Ermer Second: Robin Andrews

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Motion to add before the last sentence in paragraph 4, page CHT:24, "The Town Meeting shall be adjourned to referendum by the Moderator."

Motion: Robin Andrews Second: Gary Biesadecki

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Motion to have the recording secretary check with the Town Counsel to whether the previous motion

is legal.

Motion: Al Ermer Second: Al Bruno Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Motion to delete the last sentence in paragraph 3, page CHT:24, which states, "If a Town Meeting or referendum vote does not approve the revenues, debt service and all legal obligations on or before June 15, only those aforesaid items last submitted by the Board of Finance will be considered to be adopted as part of the new budget effective on July 1st."

Motion: Al Bruno Second: Al Ermer

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Motion to take out the word "shall" in the first sentence in paragraph 4, page CHT:24 and pluralize the word "reject" in that same sentence changing it to "rejects".

Motion: Gary Biesadecki Second: Robin Andrews

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Motion to take out the words "by notice" and replace them with the words "at the direction" in the second sentence in paragraph 4, page CHT:24.

Motion: Al Bruno Second: Gary Biesadecki

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Motion to capitalize the letter "F" in the word finance at the end of the second sentence in paragraph 4 on page CHT:24.

Motion: Irene Jecusco Second: Robin Andrews

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Motion to add the word "business" to the last sentence in column 1, page CHT:24, between the words

"(5) and day".

Motion: Al Ermer Second: Robin Andrews

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Motion to delete the words "Adoption of the budget" in the first sentence, column 2, page CHT:24,

after the italicized title in (c).

Motion: Al Ermer Second: Gary Biesadecki

Motion: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Motion to insert the word "calendar" in paragraph 1, column 2, CHT:24 between "(7) and days" and

between "(18) and days.

Motion: Gary Biesadecki Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Motion to add to the end of sentence 2, column 2, page CHT:24 after the words Town Clerk, the words

"and the Town Website".

Motion: Robin Andrews Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Motion to delete the word "Immediately" from the first word in the first sentence in paragraph 2,

column 2, page CHT:24.

Motion: Gary Biesadecki Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Motion to take out the words "if needed" in paragraph 3, column 2, page CHT:24 and replace them

with "at the discretion of the Board of Finance".

Motion: Al Ermer Second: Robin Andrews

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Motion to take out the word "an" in the first sentence in the last paragraph in the second column on

page CHT:24 and replace it with "the initial".

Motion: Gary Biesadecki Second: Robin Andrews

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Motion to add the words "under this section" after the word "process" in the last sentence in the 2<sup>nd</sup>

column on page CHT:24.

Motion: Gary Biesadecki Second: Robin Andrews

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

ITEM #7 – Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 9:34PM.

Motion: Robin Andrews Second: Irene Jecusco

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Submitted by,

Deirdre Caruso, Recording Secretary