

MINUTES
Charter Revision Commission
Monday, November 8, 2010 @ 7:30PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members present: Chairman Trisha Danka, Gary Biesadecki, Irene Jecusco, Al Bruno, Navnit Mitter, and Robin Andrews.
Not present: Al Ermer.

ITEM # 1 – Call meeting to order.
Meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:34PM.

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 11/1/10.
Motion to approve minutes from Charter Revision Commission meeting on 11/1/10.
Motion: Navnit Mitter Second: Robin Andrews
Vote: 5-Yes (Trisha Danka, Navnit Mitter, Gary Biesadecki, Al Bruno, Robin Andrews)
0-No 1-Abstain (Irene Jecusco)

Motion to add Correspondence to the Agenda.
Motion: Al Bruno Second: Navnit Mitter
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Correspondence:

- **Email from Rick Belden with attachments, which included the MBR. The Commission would like the Secretary to again request the definition of Legal Obligations from the Board of Education staff. They would also like the request to go to the entire Board of Education so that they may discuss this at their meeting.**
- **Letter from Finance Director Doug Thomas explaining his reasoning for requesting the change in the Charter that adds Inter and Intra line transfers.**
- **Email from Al Ermer with his recommendations to Sections 12.1, 12.2, & 12.3(a), due to him not being able to attend tonight's meeting.**
- **List from Trisha Danka of her recommendations for changes to Sections 12.1, 12.2, & 12.3(a).**
- **Email received from Julie Nintzel asking that the Town consider adding Teleconferencing to the Town Meetings so more people can participate.**

Motion to table the request made by Ms. Julie Nintzel until the next Charter Revision Commission is formed in January 2011.

Motion: Robin Andrews Second: Irene Jecusco
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

ITEM # 4 – Public Comment.
None.

ITEM # 5 – Discussion and review of Chapter 12, Sections 12.1, 12.2, & 12.3(a).

Discussion concerning recommendations for changes from Trisha Danka & Al Ermer, as well as the other commission members.

Motion to add to the first paragraph, last sentence of Section 12.1, "No regular member of the Board of Finance shall be employed by the Town of Seymour or serve on any other elected or permanent appointed board or office (as detailed in chapter 10, Sections 10.1 and 10.1.1). A limit of one Board of Finance member may serve on each temporary appointed committee as approved by the Board of Selectmen."

Motion: Robin Andrews

Second: Gary Biesadecki

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

A long discussion was had concerning Sections 12.2(a) & 12.2(c).

Motion to omit the words "and/or years" from Section 12.2(a) and add to the last sentence in 12.2(a) "the First Selectman and Finance Director shall make their own best estimate of the needed appropriation for Town department and commission budgets not filed on time, and the First Selectman and Finance Director shall make such budget presentation to the Board of Finance for consideration. In addition, the First Selectman shall present his/her full budget recommendation including detailed revenue and expenses."

Motion: Navnit Mitter

Second: Irene Jecusco

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

Motion to exchange the current wording in Section 12.2(c) with the following: "The development of a long-range financial plan for the Town in conjunction with all other boards of the Town with the direct assistance of the Finance Director, and/or the Assistant Finance Director, as well as the Board of Selectmen."

Motion: Robin Andrews

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

- **NOTE: Commission would like Finance Director Doug Thomas to clarify his proposed changes to Section 12.3(a), first paragraph.**

Motion to omit the words "to the ensuing" in the first paragraph on page CHT:23 to be replaced by "through".

Motion: Irene Jecusco

Second: Gary Biesadecki

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

Motion to recess for 5 minutes to get a copy of the Connecticut General State Statutes to review wording.

Motion: Robin Andrews

Second: Navnit Mitter

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

Motion to come out of recess.

Motion: Robin Andrews

Second: Navnit Mitter

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

Motion to omit the wording "Board of Tax Review" from the entire Charter due to ruling on July 6, 1995, Section 12-110, public 95-283, which replaces it with "Board of Assessment Appeals".

