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MINUTES
Charter Revision Commission
Monday, November 1, 2010 @ 7:30PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

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

- Meeting was opened at 7:38PM.

ITEM # 1 - Pledge of Allegiance.
Everyone saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM # 2 - Approve minutes from Org Meeting on 10/4/10.
Motion to approve minutes from Org Meeting on 10/4/10.
Motion: Al Bruno **Second:** Navnit Mitter
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

ITEM # 3 - Approve minutes from Public Hearing on 10/18/10.
Motion to approve minutes from Public Hearing on 10/18/10.
Motion: Al Bruno **Second:** Navnit Mitter
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

ITEM # 4 - Correspondence.
None.

ITEM # 5 - Commission discussion and review of suggestions and recommendations for revision to the Charter.
Trisha Danka: Asks the First Selectman how he plans to get the 15% of voters out to vote on the Charter changes in January.
Paul Roy: States that publicity, which includes newspapers, website, etc. will be utilized. Also, a long term Capital Plan is being put together and will be introduced at the same time.

Trisha Danka: Asks the First Selectman what he would like see changed in chapters 12 & 13.
Paul Roy: Feels that due to all of the commentary he received during last year's budget process there are several areas for improvement, including putting things in order a little better to make the text clearer. There should be more of an outline. There should also be more of a clarification on the definition of legal obligations and the procedures to follow after June 15th. Also would like the Commission to know that another Charter Revision Commission will be appointed (hopefully the same group) to work on the rest of the Charter after these sections are completed.

Motion to put public comment on the agenda.
Motion: Al Bruno **Second:** Navnit Mitter
Vote: 4-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Public Comment:

Frank Loda, 27 Osprey Drive: Would like the commission members to spell out the meeting dates and times so they will appear on Channel 10 on Thursday's at 8:00PM.

The Charter Revision Commission Meetings will be held on Monday's at 7:30PM in the Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall, with the exception of the 4th Monday of the month.

Chairman Trisha Danka explains that she would like to give out certain sections of Chapter's 12 & 13 for each meeting so that the Commission may be more organized in the work sessions.

Work schedule:

November 8, 2010 – Chapter 12, Sections 12.1, 12.2, & 12.3(a).

November 15, 2010 – Chapter 12, Sections 12.3(b) & 12.3(c).

November 29, 2010 – Chapter 12, Sections 12.4 & 12.5.

Al Bruno will review language and email to Deirdre Caruso.

Motion to request Town Counsel to define specifically what "Legal Obligations" are for the Town and Board of Education Counsel to define specifically what "MBR – Minimum Budget Requirements and Legal Obligations" are for the Board of Education concerning their Budgets.

Motion: Navnit Mitter

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 4-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

There are typo's found throughout the Charter.

Commission would like to ask Doug Thomas, Finance Director to define his intent by adding Intra and Interline Transfers to Section 12.3(b).3. They request this in writing or that he appear at the next scheduled meeting on November 8, 2010.

Trisha Danka: Asks that Public Comment be added to the next agenda.

ITEM # 6 – Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 8:20PM.

Motion: Navnit Mitter

Second: Al Bruno

Vote: 4-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

Submitted by,



**Deirdre Caruso,
Recording Secretary**