

MINUTES
Charter Revision Commission
Public Hearing
Wednesday, July 2, 2008 @ 7:00PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members present: Chairman Trisha Danka, Al Ermer, Bruce Baker, Sam Mirlis, Deirdre Caruso, Michael Julian, Gene Stec, and Special Counsel Richard Bruchal.

Others present: Frank Loda and Michele Pavlik.

- Everyone salutes the Flag and states the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM # 1 - Open Public Hearing.

Chairman Trisha Danka opens the Public Hearing at 7:05PM.

ITEM # 2 - Public Comment.

Terri Ferrarra, 14 Bellevue Terrace: States that she is in favor of changing the vote back to a simple "Yes or No". She felt that it was confusing from the beginning because of the "No too low" should have been counted as a Yes vote.

Jim Ferrarra, 14 Bellevue Terrace: Asks if when the "No too High and No too Low" was set up, was it explained how the votes were going to be tallied?

Trisha Danka: Answers that it was explained, but not understood and the Charter Revision Commission at that time did the best they could with the very best intentions.

Michele Pavlik, 5 Emma Street: Fully supports changing the vote back to "Yes or No". She explains that she is a member of the Board of Finance and that all it did was confuse the Board and it was not helpful. Also feels that it is not possible to educate the public to understand how they are voting the way it is now.

Frank Loda, 27 Osprey Drive: States that he is in favor of changing the voting process back to "Yes or No" and also says that he has been very vocal about this since the beginning. Also says that if the Commission does not want to change it back then possibly change the way the vote is counted. He would like more communication for the residents concerning the budget.

Michele Pavlik, 5 Emma Street: States that there is a Public Hearing and Town Meeting before the budget where people are invited to speak at.

Frank Loda, 27 Osprey Drive: Has concerns about communication with the residents about the budget. The Town Meeting and Public Hearing work for the first vote, but after that there is no more communication. He feels there should be a public hearing between votes for public opinion on the budget.

Michele Pavlik, 5 Emma Street: Feels that it is an excellent idea to have a public meeting in between votes. The Board of Finance has to meet between votes to lower the budget. Maybe the Board of Finance can advertise those meetings more. Would love more contact from residents in writing by email and letters.

Attorney Richard Bruchal, Special Counsel: Wants to make sure that everyone knows that other issues can be brought up to this Charter Revision Commission. He also would like to have the secretary say for the record if any Correspondence was received for this public hearing.

Deirdre Caruso: For the record there was no written or email correspondence received prior to this meeting.

ITEM # 3 - Close Public Hearing.

Hearing no further comments the Public Hearing is closed at 7:23 PM.

Submitted by,

Deirdre Caruso