

MINUTES
Charter Revision Commission
Wednesday, July 2, 2008 @ 7:30PM
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.

- Meeting was opened at 7:30 PM.

ITEM # 1 – Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM # 2 – Approve minutes from Organizational Meeting on 6/11/08.

Motion to approve minutes from Organizational Meeting on 6/11/08.

Motion: Michael Julian **Second:** Sam Mirlis

Vote: 6-Yes (Trisha Danka, Al Ermer, Deirdre Caruso, Sam Mirlis, Michael Julian, Gene Stec) 0-No 1-Abstain (Bruce Baker) 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 3 – Approve meeting schedule for 2008.

Motion to approve meeting schedule for 2008.

Motion: Sam Mirlis **Second:** Al Ermer

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 4 – Review Public Hearing comments.

Sam Mirlis: In favor of changing the voting option back to “Yes or No” also wonders about possible adding a caveat question asking people if the budget is too high or too low and have it not count. Also in favor of keeping the Town and Education budgets separate.

Al Ermer: Feels that a public hearing between votes is a good idea. Would like to see more people get out and get involved. Would like this to go to the Board of Finance.

Trisha Danka: Feels that Public Hearings between budget votes may not be helpful. Most people feel that the budget is too high.

Deirdre Caruso: Feels that instead of public hearings maybe the Board of Finance can advertise their workshop meetings more between budget votes.

Gene Stec: Feels that more public forums are a good idea.

Bruce Baker: Is in support of changing the voting back to “Yes or No” and acknowledges that it was originally changed with the best intentions. Agrees that public forums are a good idea and the Board of Finance can possibly use the Middle School.

Mike Julian: Feels that having a bulk email to notify people of meetings is a good idea.

ITEM # 5 – Take any action necessary.

Motion to cancel the meeting scheduled for 7/16/08 to wait for the Board of Finance Meeting on 7/22/08 and their comments concerning the issues discussed.

Motion: Bruce Baker **Second:** Sam Mirlis

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 6 – Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 7:40 PM.

Motion: Bruce Baker **Second:** Al Ermer

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Respectfully submitted by,

Deirdre Caruso