

MINUTES
Charter Revision Commission
Organizational Meeting
Wednesday, June 11, 2008 @ 7:00PM
Flaherty Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members present: First Selectman Robert J. Koskelowski, Trisha Danka, Albert Ermer, Deirdre Caruso, Michael Julian, Samuel Mirlis, Gene Stec, and Special Town Counsel Richard Bruchal.

Not present: Bruce Baker.

- The First Selectman opened the meeting at 7:08 PM.
- Everyone saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM # 1 - Discuss charge of Commission.

The First Selectman explains the process of the Charter Revision Commission. The Commission must schedule a public hearing before any regular meeting to get comments and suggestions from the public on any issue that they would like to speak about, even though the charge of the Commission is only one issue. It is up to the members if they choose to discuss other issues. They must proceed to have a regular meeting immediately after the public hearing to discuss the charge. The Board of Selectmen has recommended that Charter Revision Commission revise the Town Budget process to include a referendum vote on the budget with only two alternatives, "Yes" or "No" on the Municipal budget and "Yes" or "No" on the Education budget. The Commission must then meet as many times needed and then make their decision and then schedule another public hearing. From there they will need to submit their final report to the Board of Selectmen who will schedule another public hearing and then make the decision to put the question on the ballot in October. The final report must be submitted to the Board of Selectmen by September 1, 2008. Special Counsel Richard Bruchal will be the Attorney for the Charter Revision Commission.

ITEM # 2 - Elect Officers.

Nomination for Trisha Danka as Chairman made by Deirdre Caruso and second by Sam Mirlis. No other nominations made.

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Nomination for Al Ermer for Vice Chairman made by Sam Mirlis and second by Gene Stec. No other nominations made.

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Nomination for Deirdre Caruso as Secretary made by Al Ermer and second by Gene Stec. No other nominations made.

Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 3 - Set meeting dates.

The consensus of the Commission members is that Wednesdays would be a convenient day for everyone.

ITEM # 4 – Set Public Hearing Date.

Motion to set the first public hearing for Wednesday, July 2, 2008 @ 7:00PM in the Norma Drummer Room, Seymour Town Hall.

Motion: Deirdre Caruso

Second: Sam Mirlis

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to set the first meeting for the Charter Revision Commission for Wednesday, July 2, 2008 @ 7:30PM in the Norma Drummer Room, Seymour Town Hall.

Motion: Sam Mirlis

Second: Deirdre Caruso

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to set meeting dates beginning on Wednesday, July 16, 2008 @ 7:00PM for every other week.

Motion: Deirdre Caruso

Second: Sam Mirlis

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

(See attached meeting schedule.)

ITEM # 5 – Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn at 7:23PM.

Motion: Al Ermer

Second: Sam Mirlis

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Submitted by,

Reviewed by,

VIA EMAIL

**Deirdre Caruso,
Secretary**

**Trisha Danko,
Chairperson**