

PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

THESE MINUTES ARE INTENDED TO BE A SUMMARY OF THE MEETING AND NOT A VERBATIM RECORDING.

Present: Andrew Berger, Sharon Hyde, John McNicholas, Ed Tyrrell, Lisa Carroll, Charles Primerano

Not present: Tiffany Lenz, Andrew Kelemen

Regular Meeting

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1. Review minutes from previous meetings
2. Review of Selectman's Charge to Charter Revision Commission and future scheduling.
3. Chairman's Comments on Quarterly Report to Board of Selectmen. Members suggestions for Quarterly Update Presentation.
4. Discussion on Questions for Board of Selectmen.
5. Proposed wording on Fire Commission.
6. Review of Suggested Changes in Article 10 & Article 3. Additional Discussion on Town Treasurer Position.
7. Suggested Guests for Future Meetings
8. Public Comment
9. Adjournment

The meeting was called to order by Chair John McNicholas at 7:30 PM.

Item 1.

Reviewed September minutes. Ms. Hyde pointed out items to be corrected. Ms. Hyde motioned for corrected minutes to be approved. Mr. Primerano seconded. The corrected September minutes were approved unanimously.

Ms. Hyde made motion to approved the October minutes as submitted. Mr. Primerano seconded. October minutes were approved unanimously.

Mr. McNicholas indicated that Andrew Keleman had kept the minutes for the November meeting, due to Mr. Primerano's absence. Mr. Primerano responded that he would contact Mr. Kelleman to obtain the November minutes.

Item 2.

Mr. McNicholas stated that the most pressing task in the near term is the completion of the Draft Report. Mr. Tyrell suggested that once feedback is received from the Board of Selectmen, that the CRC begin to narrow down the proposed changes and that the authors of their respective sections begin to finalize the content that will be included in the Draft Report .

Mr. McNicholas pointed out that in the existing charter, the hypothetical date of March 31. Mr. Primerano agreed to scan a copy of the previous Final Report and supply it for reference.

Ms. Hyde motioned that authors distribute via email their repective sections to the others on the commission (with the caveat that no discussion that could be interpreted as a meeting occur) in advance of the February meeting. Ms. Carroll seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Item 3.

Mr. McNicholas stated that he would submit a quarterly report to the Board of Selectmen at the Regular Board of Selectmen meeting on January 6, 2010. Mr. Tyrell recommended that the report indicate the items that the Charter Revision Commission is

considering revising rather than offering specific recommendations. Ms. Hyde agreed and added that, because of the complexity and sensitivity of the sections of the charter that she was working on, namely financial, she needed feedback from the Board of Selectmen before she would draft specific recommendations.

Item 4.

Ms. Hyde asked if the BOS would be responding at the Jan 6 meeting to the questions submitted by the CRC. Mr. McNicholas responded that he would check with First Selectman Marconi and Mr. Marconi's assistant, Wendy Gannon Lionetti.

Ed Tyrell noted that Ms. Lionetti provides the Board of Selectmen a packet with documents in advance of each BOS meeting and added that the questions could be included in the packet.

Item 5.

Mr. McNicholas stated that he was still working on an initial draft of this section and would provide it at a later date.

Item 6.

Mr. McNicholas suggested that the quarterly report indicate that the commission is exploring the role and duties of Town Treasurer. This consideration is being taken based on the previous comments of Dave Ulmer.

Ms. Hyde commented that she would like to speak with bond counsel regarding Article 10.

Item 7.

Mr. McNicholas noted that he was going to invite the Treasurer and Town Clerk to appear before the CRC. He also stated that although the Board of Education and Board of Finance had declined to appear before the CRC in an official capacity (individual members had appeared as private citizens), he would extend a second invitation to both boards.

Item 8.

No public comment was made.

Item 9.

There being no further business, Ms. Carroll motioned for adjournment. Mr. Primerano seconded. Vote unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM

Charles Primerano
Recording Secretary