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Minutes of the Charter Review Committee (CRC) meeting on 8/8/2017

Attendance:

Present:

Dan Burke

Sam Chase

Sheila Pichette

Glenn Thoren

Valerie Diggs

Doug Bruce

David McLachlan arrived at 7:55

Absent:

Michael McCall

Call to Order 7:01

There were no projections of the Charter at this meeting as well as no iPads.

Approval of June 20, 2017 minutes:

Motion made by Mrs. Pichette, seconded by Mr. Thoren, vote: 6 yeas 0 nays, 2 absent

Updates:

Mr. Chase had received some draft advisory language. He also checked with Town Counsel to be sure that the advisories were not overstepping anywhere.

Mr. Burke passed out copies of his suggested advisory language to the Committee.

Charter review continued:

Section 4-3: The Committee had received the new ordering of this section, written by Mrs. Pichette. Motion to approve this section made by Mrs. Diggs, seconded by Mr. Thoren. Mr. Burke asked if the word "to" was needed in every section. The Committee agreed that as the words were included in the previous wording of the section, they should be included in this one as well. Vote: 5 yeas, 0 nays, Mr Bruce abstained, 2 absent.

Section 3-9: Motion to add the footnote "Sewer Commission" to charter reference 8.5 b) advising the dissolution of the Sewer Commission made by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Bruce, vote: 6 yeas; 0 nays, 2 absent.

Section 5-1: No change

Section 5-2: Wording was changed to acknowledge that the Sewer commission had been dissolved.

Motion made by Mr. Bruce, seconded by Mrs. Diggs, vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent.

Section 5-3: Mrs Pichette asked if the Committee had discussed the OPEB requirements. They had discussed it and decided to make no change to the section.

Section 6-1: The words "as necessary" were added to this section and changes to the wording was further discusses by words remained unchanged. Motion made by Mr. Thoren, seconded by Mrs.

Pichette, vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent.

Section 6-2: No change although the Committee discussed the budgetary timeline. Mr. Thoren moved that the language was accepted as written, Mr. Bruce seconded, vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent.

Section 6-3: The Committee discussed wording changed to ensure clarification. Motion made by Mrs. Diggs, seconded by Mrs. Pichette, vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent.

Section 6-4: No change was recommended.

Section 6-5: No change was recommended.

Section 6-6: No change was recommended.

Section 6-7: The Committee voted to change a bylaw to require a periodic change in auditors. Motion made by Mr. Thoren, seconded by Mrs. Diggs, vote: 5 yeas, Mr. Burke voted nay, 2 absent.

Section 7-1: No change was recommended.

Section 7-2: No change was recommended.

Section 7-3: No change was recommended.

Section 7-4: Mr. McLachlan previously gave input to add some words and definitions to the section. Mr. Burke asked about adding in the definition of officer. The Committee decided to postpone voting on this section to allow Mr. Chase time to find the definition as giving by Town Counsel.

Section 8: Committee decided to not change this section for historical reasons. The motion to not change this section was made by Mr. Thoren, seconded by Mr. Burke, vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent.

Mr. McLachlan arrived at 7:55.

Section 3-10: Mr. Thoren motioned that section be eliminated, seconded by Mrs. Pichette, vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays, Mr. Bruce abstained from the vote.

Mr. Thoren made a motion to approve the advisory language for this sections, seconded by Mr. Burke, vote: 6 yeas, 0 nays, Mr. Bruce abstained from the vote.

Mr. Chase said that if the Committee can get recommendations to the Board of Selectmen by September 7th, they can be put forth at Fall Town Manager. The Committee felt that they needed to have an exchange with the Board of Selectmen regarding the changes they propose. Mr. Chase will put together a small presentation with the Preliminary Executive Summary for the Board of Selectmen.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. McLachlan, seconded by Mrs. Diggs, vote: 7 yeas, 0 nays, 1 absent.