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2022 Charter Revision Commission Special Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2022

This meeting was presented as a Zoom Webinar/Hybrid Meeting.

1. Call to Order

Chairman Harpie called the meeting to order at 7:51 p.m.

Roll Call

Kevin Borrup

Joe Harpie

Nancy Cappello

Anthony Gonsalves (*via Zoom*)

Chris Miner (*via Zoom*)

Also in attendance:

Beth DelBuono, Mayor

James Krupienski, Town Clerk

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Participation on Agenda Items (Via Zoom Application or Phone)

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- None

4. Comments by Commissioners

- None

5. Review of Public Comments from Public Hearing

- None

6. Discussion of Charter Language Revisions

- Town Clerk Krupienski stated he'd like to readdress Sections 4-10 and 4-11 based on the handout he passed out to everybody. We made significant changes in the draft language and believe we may have lost some specifics we need to keep in mind. Regarding Section 4-10, we created a hybrid format of a proposed petition to the council but created a town meeting format. Specifically the language where we call the meeting of the council it shall provide the ordinance in full and provide a yes or no as an enactment. We don't do a town meeting format in the town of Newington so we need to readdress that language to address referendum language. We need to discuss whether we want appropriation amounts added to that.
- Chairman Harpie stated it was the recommendation of the finance director to keep it at 375; that was her base amount.

- Town Clerk Krupienski asked if they wanted to hold off and review at the next meeting.
- Chairman Harpie stated that he'd like to review it and get a consensus.
- Commissioner Miner stated he'd like to see final language prior to sending it to council.
- Town Clerk Krupienski stated that we can review at the next meeting.
- *A discussion was held regarding the date of the next meeting.*

7. Submission of the Proposed Charter Amendment(s) to the Town Clerk
 - Tabled until next meeting.
8. Public Participation on Agenda Items (Via Zoom Application or Phone)
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 - Rose Lyons, 46 Elton drive asked if there are other changes that need to be reviewed by the town attorney.
 - Chairman Harpie stated that they looked at charge items from the council. I would like him to review the entire body again before the council sees it.
 - *A lengthy discussion was held regarding the revisions and review of changes.*
9. Comments by Commissioners
 - Commissioner Borrup stated it's too we couldn't modify the Charter language regarding the personnel issue between the town and BOE, it's really a shame we have taxpayer dollars funding a feud between the BOE and the town when they should really try to come together without intervention instead of wasting everyone's time and tax dollars and if there was a way to fix it that would be my preference.
 - Chairman Harpie stated he feels they all feel that way but it's going to play out in front of the hearing boards.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Cappello. Seconded by Commissioner Borrup. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Susan Gibbon
Recording Secretary