

Charter Review Committee

Meeting Minutes February 2,2021

Members present: Larry Levine, Ralph Page, Marilyn Richards, Tom Christensen, Phil Adams, Jeff Bosworth, Andy Fraser, Bill Fonseca, Jeanne Quaglietti (Town Clerk, non-voting), Mike Kane (ex-Officio)

Members Absent: None

Meeting held via Zoom and called to order at 4:30pm by Chair Levine. Meeting was videotaped by ELCAT and there were no audience members taping.

Minutes of the January 26,2021 meeting. Motion to accept by Bozworth and a second by Christensen. Roll call vote- All in favor.

Meeting resumed with our discussion on the codification issue. Larry and Ralph produced some wording on this issue since our last meeting that the committee reviewed and discussed.

Article 1 Sec 7. A motion by Fonseca and a second by Page to accept this and to change wording from “reorganization” to “reformatting” and the deletion of the words “other minor” All in favor.

Article 2 Sec 6. A motion by Page and a second by Fonseca to accept this as outlined by Chairman Levine. To add a new paragraph placed at the end of Sec 6. The older wording will begin with “notwithstanding the above” After the word “herein” in the fourth sentence it will continue to read “For reformatting, renumbering, retitling existing sections and making grammatical changes. Then an insertion of an additional sentence that will read” The proposed codification of substantive changes to existing language shall require the use of strikeout type, brackets, underscoring, or marginal notes in such a way as to clearly identify the substantive changes being proposed.” Last sentence to remain same. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Comments by Kathy Hill. The committee considered the suggestions for change on Article 7 Sec 3(b) (c) and Article 8 Sec 4 (a) made. No action on either.

Suggestions by Jeanne Quaglietti. 1) Proposal to place the article number in front of each section contained in that article. Motion by Bozworth and a second by Christensen to change numbering system to have the article number in front of each section number. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Article 1 Section 1 would now read Section 1-1, 1-2, 1-3 etc.

2) Proposal to change the font. Discussion ensued and it was determined that this was not up to the committee to change. Issue is for Town Council.

The discussion of term limits from last meeting was brought up again and discussed. Any change to term limits is governed by M.G.L and not this committee. Must be done by a commission.

A discussion commenced on the subject to filling vacancies on the Town Council. It was determined that this process is already established and no action was taken.

At this point Chairman Levine stated we are at the end of the review portion of our work and he will begin typing in the changes. He will request help when needed.

Next meeting date to be announced.

Motion to adjourned by Adams and a second by Fonseca. Roll call vote. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 5:18 pm

Respectfully submitted

Andy Fraser

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