

Charter Review Committee
Meeting Minutes for August 11, 2020

Members Present: Larry Levine, Jeffery Bosworth, Andy Fraser, Marilyn Richards, Ralph Page, Tom Christensen, Jeanne Quaglietti (non-voting) and Michael Kane (ex-officio, non-voting)

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

Chairman Levine announced that the meeting of August 4, 2020 was not held due to the storm which knocked out power in the Town.

Approval of minutes: Andy made a motion to accept the minutes of July 28, 2020 and Jeff seconded the motion. Marilyn asked that the minutes reflect that she was an alternate. Andy modified his motion to accept the minutes with the change and Jeff seconded. Roll call vote on this motion: Marilyn-yes, Tom-yes, Ralph-yes, Andy-yes, Larry-yes, Jeff-yes.

Jeanne requested that when minutes are amended the original author correct the minutes and forward them to her.

Member Late: Phil Adams arrived at 4:37pm

Chairman Larry Levine stated that we left off at the fifth paragraph of Article 2 section 6. Larry wanted to go back to Article 2 section 3 and discuss the appointment of committees as it relates to Article 2 section 5. A list of both standing committees and ad hoc committees were read.

A discussion regarding who currently appoints members to ad hoc committees as well as standing committees ensued. Larry asked Ralph, Michael and Marilyn, if the president was currently making all the appointments? Ralph answered that currently the Town Council president appoints the members. Larry then asked if there was a difference between "Special" and "Ad Hoc" committees. Marilyn stated she didn't think there was a difference. Ralph and Jeanne agreed. Michael stated that over the last 4 years all committees have been appointed only by the president. Phil stated he thinks the appointments should be done by both the president and vice president. After a lengthy conversation on the appointment of committees a motion was made.

Motion: Marilyn made a motion for section 3, third paragraph fourth line. The words "Ad Hoc" be added after the word special. This will create a sentence which shall read, "The President shall appoint all members of committees of the Council, whether special, ad hoc or standing." Ralph seconded the motion. Under discussion Phil made a motion to amend the motion on the floor which would require the president and vice president shall appoint committees. Ralph seconded for further discussion. Ralph thought this would be better located within the Town Council rules and regulations.

Roll call vote on Phil's proposed amendment: Marilyn-no, Tom-no, Ralph-no, Andy-no, Phil-yes, Jeff-no, Larry-no. 6-1 against proposed motion.

Roll call vote on original motion: Marilyn-yes, Tom-yes, Ralph-yes, Andy-yes, Phil-no, Jeff-yes, Larry-yes motion carries 6-1

Motion: Tom made a motion to remove the following language from Article 2 section 5 paragraph 3 "and any other ad hoc committees" and add the word "and" in the second sentence after Article 3
Roll call vote: Marilyn-yes, Tom-yes, Ralph-yes, Andy-yes, Phil-yes, Jeff-yes, Larry-yes motion passed 7-0

Chairman Levine asked Jeanne about holding public hearings for general bylaws. Currently the Town Council has been holding them even though they are not required. Jeanne thought a public hearing should be held for transparency purposes. Ralph stated that in 7 out of 10 instances two notices would probably be enough but thought the Town should hold a public hearing on bylaws to give the residents a chance to have their voices heard. Marilyn agreed with Ralph. Jeanne thought the public hearing should be opened at the first meeting. Ralph suggested that the first reading should only be a first meeting and the public hearing should be held at the second meeting. Jeff agreed with Ralph as to timing. Further discussion occurred regarding the advertising of the public hearing.

Motion was made by Tom and seconded by Marilyn to add the wording "the second of which shall be a public hearing and notice of said public hearing shall appear in a local publication or newspaper not less than 7 days prior to the public hearing" inserted in section 6 paragraph 3 first sentence, after the wording (Council meetings)

Roll call vote: Marilyn-yes, Tom-yes, Ralph-yes, Andy-yes, Phil-yes, Jeff-yes, Larry-yes motion passed 7-0

Motion to Adjourn was made by Jeff and seconded by Phil

Roll call vote: Marilyn-yes, Tom-yes, Ralph-yes, Andy-yes, Phil-yes, Jeff-yes, Larry-yes motion passed 7-0

Next meeting scheduled for August 18, 2020 at 4:30 PM