

Charter Commission
January 9, 2024
Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm.

Members present: Dwayne Woodsome. Marina Gagne, David Barker, Lori Anthony, Nadine Molloy (arrived at 6:33 pm) and Nancy Brandt. Absent: Steve Ross

Further review of Article 2 Sections 208 and 209: David Barker made the motion to strike out section 2.08-Moderator; motion seconded by Nadine Molloy. Motion carries 6-0-0.

Further review of Article 3: David Barker suggests Council at large to represent the whole town. Nadine Molloy agreed. Dwayne Woodsome has concerns changing to a council will not pass; will not come back only have one chance. Don't take the meat out of the charter. David Barker added it would be the right title to the charter. Further discussion was held regarding Select Board or Council.

Dwayne Woodsome explained that the Finance Director is not a permanent position. Treasurer had duties that were pulled away to the Finance Director. Discussion was held on HR (Human Resources) Dept. Lori Anthony suggested having Town Administrator come in to talk with the commission. Dwayne Woodsome added HR is not a 40 hour a week position, not a dept. head. Marina Gagne added dept. heads should go to the Administrator, for instance the customer service area does not have a dept. head. D-time. Dwayne Woodsome also added that HR is full time and Town Administrator is part-time. Nadine Molloy feels should be HR dept. Dwayne Woodsome raised the question whom covers for Matt when he is out. Marina Gagne responded no one is in place to cover when he is out.

Dwayne Woodsome made the motion to review Article 5; motion seconded by David Baker. Motion carries 6-0-0. Nadine Molloy made the motion to keep Article 5 as currently written in charter; David Barker seconded. Motion carries 6-0-0.

Notification to voters was discussed. Dwayne Woodsome suggested having 2 or 3 public hearing and there possibly will be a newsletter/newspaper for Old Home Days, Nadine Molloy also added could have a booth at Old Home Days and events that the Historical Society will have. David Barker would like to see postcards mailed out. Dwayne Woodsome added that probably would not be on the ballot in June, most likely November. Nancy Brandt agrees should be November as there is a certain percentage of the charter having to pass and would get it at the November election.

Review of draft Dept. Heads flow chart. Will be put on the January 23rd agenda.

Agenda items for January 23rd meeting: Article 5, 6 and 7.

December 23, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion by Dwayne Woodsome to approve the minutes of the December 23rd meeting; motion second by David Barker. Motion carries 4-2-0. Nadine Molloy and Lori Anthony was not present at that meeting,'

Posting on Commission vacancies. Maria Gagne reported notice has been on Facebook, the Reporter and text notifications, No applications have been received.

Dwayne Woodsome made the motion to adjourn at 8 p; motion seconded by David Barker.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Brandt, Secretary