

MINUTES
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, December 8, 2009
7:00 P.M.
Louise T. Appleby Room

Members Present: Clifford Grandjean, Susan Driscoll, Paul Goldstein, Cameron MacKenzie, Steve Percy, Edward Murphy, Elizabeth LaRuffa

Members Absent: Cameron MacKenzie,

Also Present: Daniel Steward, First Selectman, J.W.“Bill” Sheehan, Chairman, Board of Finance; Bernard Pisacich, Town Treasurer and Videographer

1. **Call to order:** - Chairman Grandjean called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Minutes of the November 23, 2009 Regular Meeting were unanimously approved. Motion by Steve Percy, Seconded by Paul Goldstein, Unanimous.
2. **Comments from the Public:** None
3. **Consideration of Charter Issues:** A discussion of the Commission progress to date.
 - a. Terms of office – Commission agreed to hear from the Board of Selectmen and Town Treasurer on this issue.
 - b. Continued need for Personnel Review Board –

MOTION: Chair Grandjean made a motion for a straw vote on eliminating the PRB from the charter.

Vote 6-0 in favor of the elimination

A final vote will be taken before final proposal is drafted.

- c. Board of Police Commissioners – Commission agreed that no action needs to be taken.
- d. Board of Fire Commissioners – Further discussion needs to take place.
- e. Rate Setting by Utility Commission - Commission agreed that no action needs to be taken.
- f. Senior Citizens Commission – Request out of Commissions jurisdiction. Letter sent to commission stating that fact.
- g. Alternative Forms of Government - Further discussion need to take place.
- h. 2002 Unapproved Changes - Further discussion needs to take place.
- i. Expansion of BOS to Five members – Commission wants to hear from the BOS.
- j. Initial Department/ Agency budget Review by BOS – Commission heard opinions from First Selectman and Board of Finance Chair. Further discussion needs to take place.

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- k. Appeal Process from Budgetary Actions of BOS – Commission agreed that Appeal Process needs to take place if BOS is going to review all town budgets.
- l. **RTM** to be able to increase budget requests – Commission is not inclined to make changes other than time limit on appeals.

4. Other Business:

- a. Farmington's Fire Administrator has agreed to meet with the Commission. The date of January 7, 2010 was agreed upon.
- b. The Commission will invite the Board of Selectmen to their following meeting of January 19, 2010.
- c.. Commissioner Driscoll will contact CCM for information on other municipality's forms of government in Connecticut.

- 5. Adjournment: - MOTION** Paul Goldstein seconded by Steve Percy to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen Percy

Secretary