

The Charter Study Committee held a meeting at the Town Hall on April 21, 2014. Present were Committee members: Robert Lessard, Susan DePold, Barry Stearns, Leslie Shea and Joyce Stille; and residents Monita Hebert, Richard Hayes and Milton Hathaway.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting began at 7:20 P.M.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Hebert shared considerations from the Registrar of Voters:

- * Budget Referenda - increase 5 business days' time period for Board of Finance submitting budget question to Town Clerk
- * Remove property owners' right to vote in budget referendum, only registered voters
- * Add timeframe in Chapter 8 Section 8.5(c) Failure to Adopt the Budget for Board of Finance to submit referendum question to Town Clerk
- * Chapter 2 Section 8.5c discusses names being put on the voting machines, now we have ballots

Mr. Hathaway recommended that an alternate be added to the Board of Assessment Appeals and to create an Ethics Commission.

Mr. Hayes recommended that the Inland Wetlands Commission and Planning and Zoning Commission be one combined appointed commission.

3. CONSIDER AND ACT ON APPROVAL OF MARCH 13, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Stearns, seconded by Ms. Shea, to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2014 as presented. Motion unanimously passed.

4. REVIEW OF COMMENTS SUBMITTED

5. DISCUSSION ON CHARTER REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The group discussed all the comments to date and agreed that Charter revision was not warranted at this time and that would be the recommendation to the Board of Selectmen. The group further agreed that in a report to the Board of Selectmen, clarifications, ordinances, and errata would be included to address some of the comments that had been submitted.

6. NEXT MEETING DATE

The group agreed to meet on May 19, 2014.

7. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Stille, seconded by Ms. DePold to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 P.M. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce M. Stille
Administrative Officer

PLEASE SEE THE MINUTES OF SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS FOR THE APPROVAL OF THESE MINUTES AND ANY CORRECTIONS HERETO.