



## CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

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### MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Monday, March 11, 2013

7:00 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

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**PRESENT:** David Olson, Chairman, Nicholas Hoffman, Meghan O’Connor, William Hillman and Wendy Smith. Also in attendance was Attorney Nicholas Vitti.

**CALL to Order / Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:** David Olson called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Public Comments:** None

**Correspondence:** Three (3) items were received; a letter from Ann Cleary, a letter from the Board of Finance and a letter from J. Phillip Gallagher. The commission received copies of each letter and will their review their input/comments and discuss them at the next meeting on Monday, March 25, 2013.

**Minutes of February 25, 2013:** Meghan O’Connor made a motion, which was seconded by William Hillman, to approve the minutes with one amendment; Mr. Thomas O’Leary, Town Treasurer, did come to the meeting prepared to present his comments. Due to lack of Commission attendance, he was asked to come back for the next meeting. Vote all in favor, motion was unanimously approved. Wendy Smith abstained from the vote as she was not in attendance.

**Approval of Invoices:** William Hillman made a motion, which was seconded by Wendy Smith, to approve payment of the invoice from Cacace, Tusch & Santagata, Attorneys at Law, in the amount of \$1,377.00 for legal services through February 1, 2013. Vote all in favor, motion was unanimously approved.

**Discussion with Boards, Commissions, and Departments:** None in attendance

#### General Discussion:

1.) Attorney Nicholas Vitti was asked to draft language changes at the January 14, 2013 meeting. He entered the draft, in full, into the record. He has also asked the members to review it and give him further direction on several items. The items for discussion are:

- I. Five (5) member BOS from two (2) year to four (4) year term

- II. Appointed Police Commission instead of Elected
- III. Appointed five (5) member Fire Commission
- IV. Changing alternates to P&Z, Zoning Board of Appeals & Inland Wetlands from elected to appointed positions

It was clarified that at this time, the Charter Revision Commission has not adopted the above recommended changes.

William Hillman asked to have Attorney Vitti clarify the language in the Charter as it pertains to correcting ordinances for the next meeting, March 25, 2013.

2.) The members continued to discuss/update the Charter Revision Commission Tracking Document (11-Mar-13, V2) with the goal of eliminating items from the list that the Charter Revision Commission does not intend to consider in their recommended proposal to review the town charter.

William Hillman asked Attorney Vitti to clarify what types of citizen input is acceptable at Public Hearings for the next meeting, March 25, 2013.

**Adjourn:** As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Wendy Smith made a motion, which was seconded by William Hillman, to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Debra Roper, Recording Secretary