

CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Monday, April 8, 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, Paul Improta, William Shannon 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 7:03 p.m.

Public Comments: None

Correspondence: None

Approval of Minutes - March 11, 2013: Wendy Smith made a motion, which was seconded by Nicholas Hoffman, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote all in favor, motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Invoices: None

Discussion with Volunteer Fire/EMS Departments and Emergency Management Director: Chief Fred Ingram - Bethel Volunteer Fire Department, Chief Ken Parciasepe - Stony Hill Fire Department and Thomas Galliford - Fire Marshal were in attendance along with several volunteer fire fighters. The fire chiefs and Tom Galliford offered suggestions on how they would like to have the Fire/EMS Departments represented in the charter. The consensus is to eliminate the concept of an implied relationship with the town and become duly recognized town agencies.

Paul Improta asked the Chiefs to provide the by-laws from both fire departments. David Olson asked both Chiefs and Tom Galliford to provide their job descriptions and a list of their roles and responsibilities to the commission in order obtain a better understanding of how best to represent them in the Charter.

General Discussion:

After an informal discussion, Attorney Nicholas Vitti was asked to see if the state of has a standard for volunteer fire departments. He was also asked to draft a paragraph using language

that recognizes the Fire/EMS departments as town agencies in accordance with state statute. No decisions were reached.

The commission members will read the March 26, 2013 BOF minutes in preparation for the next CRC meeting to be held on Thursday April 25, 2013 at 7p.m.

Adjourn: As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, Wendy Smith made a motion, which was seconded by Nicolas Hoffman, to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Roper, Recording Secretary