

**TOWN OF SOMERS
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES
MAY 14, 2102
SELECMEN'S CONFERENCE ROOM
TOWN HALL-7:00 PM**

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CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Tim Potrikus called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Members present were Vice Chair William McGurk, Erik Ness, Linda Roberts and Ralph Williams.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Potrikus made a motion to amend the minutes, seconded by Mr. McGurk. All were in favor, motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF CHARTER CHAPTERS 1-4:

Mr. Potrikus wanted to get a broad over view from committee of things they should be looking for to improve and change in the Town of Somers Charter. It was suggested it would be important to first highlight and prioritize by the things the selectmen had pointed out regarding the charter. It was noted by board members that Section 3 needed clarification regarding terms of elective offices. It was agreed more consistency to time of terms limits was needed. Members discussed importance of getting feedback from public hearing before making any changes.

TOWN OF SOMERS WEB PAGE UPDATE:

Mr. McGurk made a motion to place commission members, minutes and agendas on the Town of Somers website. Seconded by Mr. Williams. All were in favor, motion carried. An email that is general to the group was suggested to use for correspondence.

SCHEDULE JUNE PUBLIC HEARING:

Members discussed importance of posting the hearing date on the website and in the JI. The public hearing will be advertised in several ways through local media so the general public can plan to attend to offer their suggestions. **Public hearing date was set for June 27, 2012.**

ACTION ITEMS/AGENDA FOR MAY 29 MEETING:

The second half of the charter will be reviewed next meeting. Sections 3.1-3.3 will be reviewed in more detail regarding length of terms. It was suggested by Mrs. Roberts that the framework of the ballot questions be discussed. The location and time of the public hearing will also be on agenda for next meeting. The issue of whether ordinances will be part of the charter revision was also suggested as an item for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ralph Williams made a motion to adjourn the Charter Revision meeting at 7:30pm, seconded by Linda Roberts. All were in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Sarno (recording secretary)