

**TOWN OF SOMERS
CHARTER REVISION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 9, 2012
TOWN HALL – 7:00PM
AUDITORIUM**

The Selectmen's Office was inaccessible & the Chair moved the meeting to the Auditorium. A note was posted on the front door of town hall notifying the public of the change of location.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Tim Potrikus at 7:06PM. Members present were Bill McGurk, Erik Ness, Linda Roberts, and Ralph Williams.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JUNE 11, 2012:

A motion to approve the Minutes as posted on the Town of Somers Website was made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Ness. Motion passed 5-0.

ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS: None.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Potrikus recognized an email received from Mr. Hank Broer of Somers. Mr. Broer's comments will be included in public feedback as received by the Commission.

PUBLIC HEARING DATES/TIMES/LOCATIONS:

The Commission discussed a public hearing schedule. A motion was made by Mr. McGurk and seconded by Mr. Williams for 2 public hearings; the first to be held at 7PM on Monday, September 10 at the Town Hall Auditorium, and the second to be held at 7PM on Wednesday, October 10 also at the Town Hall Auditorium. Motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS: The Commission discussed preparation for the public hearing as an agenda item for the next meeting. Items to consider are time limits on individual public comments; providing copies of the existing Town Charter, deadlines for acceptance of written comment, and general rules of conduct for each Public Hearing.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Mr. Williams will write a press release for the Commission to review at their next meeting. Upon approval, the release will be sent to the local media.
- Mr. Potrikus will check with the Town Clerk regarding a written, revised Statutory Process; the schedule for an update from General Code on the existing Town Charter and Ordinances; whether all items provided to the Commission for consideration under the revision are posted

on the website; and updating the revised Town Website with public meeting dates for Commission meetings.

- Mrs. Roberts will locate a sample Fire Ordinance and Emergency Management update.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 was made by Mrs. Roberts and seconded by Mr. McGurk. Motion passed 5-0.

Next meeting is Monday, August 6 at 7PM at the Town Hall, Selectmen's Office.

Minutes are not official until accepted at a future meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

-Tim Potrikus, Chair