

**TOWN OF SOMERS
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 14, 2013
7:00PM – Somers Town Hall**

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by chairman Tim Potrikus at 7:00PM
2. Members Present
Ralph Williams, Bill McGurk, Erik Ness, Linda Roberts and Tim Potrikus
3. Approval of Minutes from December 17
*A motion was made to approve the minutes as presented.
Williams/McGurk/unanimous*
4. Add/Delete Agenda Items
*A motion was made to delete item 12; it is a duplicate from a previous meeting.
Potrikus/Williams/unanimous*
5. Correspondence
There was no correspondence received. The chair updated the Commission on a phone call received regarding the Town Planner discussion.
6. Review and Discuss First Draft on recommendation regarding amount of an individual expense needing approval at town meeting.
The commission discussed the draft. A final version will be presented for a vote at the next meeting.
7. Discussion on proposal of review of ordinances by a vendor, General Code (continued from Dec 17, 2012).
The consensus of the commissioners is to have the town clerk attempt to locate a second vendor for a competitive proposal for the scope of work limited to the clerk's recommendation to have the Editorial and Legal Analysis of the charter evaluated only. Ideally, a proposal can be accepted that is within the amount budgeted for the project in the existing municipal budget.
8. Discussion on combining School and Town Budget (continued from Dec 17, 2012).
The commission discussed a 2007 legal opinion from the town attorney on separating the School and Town budgets. A draft of Charter Chapter VII Sections 7-1 and 7-3 will be presented at the next meeting that shall attempt to clarify the town meeting and town hearing
9. Discussion and Vote on Final Draft regarding confirmation of appointments to various boards and commissions.
*A motion was made to approve the draft as presented.
Williams/McGurk/unanimous*

10. Discussion and Vote on Final Draft regarding Residency Requirements.
A motion was made to approve the draft as presented.
Williams/McGurk/unanimous
11. Discussion and Vote on Final Draft regarding Planning Commission and Zoning Commission.
A motion was made to approve the draft as presented. Ness/Williams/unanimous
12. Discussion and Vote on recommendation regarding elected assessor.
Item removed from agenda as noted above.
13. New Business
 - a. Discuss stipulating the position of Town Planner in the Charter.
The consensus of the commissioners was to not add the position to the Charter for economic reasons; however, the commission will include in its final recommendations a list of considerations for future needs of the town which were discussed in the course of the commissions business, but which did not rise to the level of a Charter Revision at this time.
 - b. Discussion on Tag Sale permit ordinance.
A draft recommendation will be presented at the next meeting.
 - c. Discussion on Subdivision Fees.
A draft recommendation will be presented at the next meeting.
 - d. Discussion on Vendor/Hawker/Peddler ordinance.
A draft recommendation will be presented at the next meeting.
14. Action Items/Agenda for next meeting
The commissioners agreed to reschedule the Jan 21 meeting to January 28, 2013 at 7PM in Town Hall, in recognition of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday on Jan 21.
Mr. Potrikus and Mr. Ness will create drafts of items noted in these minutes.
Mr. Potrikus will advise the town clerk of the commission's request for a competitive proposal on the review of the Charter and Ordinances.
Mr. Potrikus will check with the town clerk on the status of any ordinance or policy of the town or Board of Finance regarding bids for goods and services.
15. Adjournment.
A motion to adjourn was made at 8:25PM. McGurk/Williams/unanimous