

**TOWN OF SOMERS
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
Tuesday, February 17, 2015
8:00PM – Somers Town Hall**

- 1. Call to Order.**
 - a. Meeting called to order at approximately 8:00 pm by Chairman Tim Potrikus.

- 2. Members Present.**
 - a. The following members were in attendance: B. Pellissier, E. Ness, R. Williams, K. Burger, T. Potrikus.
 - b. Others present: A. Logan, L. Pellegrini.

- 3. Approval of Minutes from February 17, 2015.**
 - a. Discussion regarding typographical error concerning the spelling of B. Pellissier to be corrected throughout document.
 - b. Motion by T. Potrikus to adopt minutes with the spelling correction of B. Pellissier, seconded by R. Williams- voted unanimously in favor.

- 4. Add/Delete Agenda Items.**
 - a. No additions or deletions.

- 5. Discuss issues or concerns raised during Public Hearing of February 17, 2015 concerning the Fire Commission Ordinance.**
 - a. It was discussed and determined that there were no major concerns or objections raised during the hearing on the Fire Commission Ordinance.

- 6. Discuss Deleting Section 5-10 Board of Fire Commissioners, from the Charter.**
 - a. The timing of the adoption of the new ordinance, the agreement between the town and the volunteers and the potential removal of section 5-10 from the charter was discussed. Specifically, whether a certain order of passage should be considered to assure that the town is not without a Fire Chief at any time. It was determined that the Fire Commission Ordinance, if adopted, properly addresses the concern whether or not section 5-10 is removed from the Charter through the revision process.
 - b. It was discussed whether removal of section 5-10 was proper and if a procedural mechanism would exist to assure the town has a Fire Chief if the section was removed. It was decided that the Fire Commission Ordinance was a proper solution.
 - c. Motion by B. Pellissier moved to table further discussion until after a March 3, 2015 hearing, seconded by T. Potrikus- voted unanimously in favor.

- 7. Discuss relevant dates for timely completion of charter review process and schedule future meetings and hearings.**

- a. The Charter Revision Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on March 3, 2015 at the Somers Town Hall to discuss the possible removal of Section 5-10, Board of Fire Commissioners, from the Charter.
 - b. A Charter Revision Commission meeting will be held immediately following the 7:00 p.m. hearing on March 3, 2015 at the Somers Town Hall.
 - c. A Charter Revision Commission meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on March 9, 2015 at the Somers Town Hall.
- 8. Action Items for next meeting.**
- a. Discussion of comments and potential concerns raised at March 3, 2015 public hearing.
 - b. Discussion and possible vote to remove Section 5-10, Board of Fire Commissioners, from the Charter.
- 9. Adjournment.**
- a. Motion by T. Potrikus, seconded by K. Burger to adjourn the Charter Revision Meeting at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by
Erik J. Ness, Secretary

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