

TOWN OF SOMERS
Charter Revision Commission

MINUTES
May 9, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Town Hall Lower Conference Room

Members Present: Bob Chester; Terri Henderson (speaker phone);
Andy Rockett; Terri Schmidt; Graham Van Keuren; Ralph Williams
Also Present: Ann Logan, Town Clerk

1. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Andy Rockett
2. Minutes Approval
 - a. Motion to approve minutes of 5/2/1: Van Keuren; Second: Williams; Motion passes 6-0.
3. Town Meeting Action Discussions
 - a. The Commission discussed possible confusion with the provisions of Chapter VII, §7-1(a) and (b), in connection with the terminology “items relating to the Annual Budget” and in the term “Adoption” of the budget. Proposed language resolving the issue will be promulgated by the Chair and the matter will be considered at the next meeting.
4. Subcommittee Discussions
 - a. Registrar of Voters – The Commission discussed the term of the Registrars of Voters (currently 2 years) and the complexity and training requirements for that position. Motion to add a provision to Chapter III, Elective Offices, a provision providing for election of two Registrars of Voters with a term of 4 years: Williams; Second: Chester; Motion passes, 5 in favor (Chester, Henderson, Rockett, Van Keuren, Williams), none opposed, 1 abstained (Schmidt).
 - b. Economic Development Commission (EDC) – The Commission discussed the term of members of this Commission. As the EDC is a creature of ordinance, further discussion will take place with the Board of Selectmen.
 - c. Gender Neutrality –The Commission discussed several issues of gender neutrality – specifically the lack thereof – in the Charter. Further investigation by members will take place, and the matter will be considered at a future meeting.
5. Public Presentation Discussions
 - a. None at this time.
6. Motion to Adjourn: Williams; Second: Schmidt. Motion passes 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.