

TOWN OF SOMERS
Charter Revision Commission

Minutes
June 6, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room

Ann Logan, Town Clerk; Commission Members Terri Henderson, Andy Rockett, Graham Van Keuren,
Ralph Williams, Bob Chester, Teri Schmidt

1. Call to Order
 - a. 7:08 p.m. Meeting called to order by Andy Rockett, Chairman
2. Approval of Minutes May 30, 2018.
 - a. Ralph Williams made a motion to approve the May 30, 2018 minutes with the amendment of striking the word "Endorsement" in 7-1 (b). Seconded by Teri Schmidt. All in favor. PASSED (6-0)

- 7-1. Annual and Special Meetings.
 - (a) The Annual Town meeting which shall also be the annual budget meeting, shall be held within 15 days of the first Monday of May each year, unless changed by a vote of a Town Meeting or by referendum, to consider all items on the call. ~~Except those items relating to the Annual Budget. All items on the call relating to the~~ **The Annual Budget as endorsed by vote at the Town Meeting in accordance with 7-1 (b) below** shall be voted on at referendum not less than seven or more than fourteen days after said Annual Town Meeting on a date set by said meeting; or if said meeting does not set a date, by the Town Selectmen. Special Meetings shall be called by the Board of Selectmen in the manner provided by the General Statutes whenever they deem it necessary, or on application by fifty persons qualified to vote in Town Meeting.
 - (b) ~~Adoption Endorsement of the Annual Budget to send to referendum shall be by vote of the Annual Town Meeting.~~ **Prior to endorsing the Annual Budget, the meeting shall have the power to decrease any appropriation or item in an appropriation, but it may not increase any appropriation or item in an appropriation, or make any appropriation for a purpose not recommended by the Board of Finance**

3. Form of Government Discussions

The commission discussed form and government and responsibilities. Terri Henderson made a motion to require a super majority to hire and fire the Administrative Officer. Seconded by Ralph Williams. PASSED 3-2 (Graham Van Keuren, Bob Chester did not approve)
4. Public Hearing
 - a. Slide Presentation

The commission reviewed a marked-up version of the Charter. Ralph Williams made a motion to bring the changes set forth (attached) in the document to the public hearing for comment and public input. Graham Van Keuren seconded. All in favor. PASSED (6-0)
 - b. The commission agreed Andy Rockett, chairperson, would be moderator at the public hearing. Andy encouraged commission members to participate in hearing if appropriate.

5. Final Recommendation Discussions

The commission agreed the Selectmen should be invited to the public hearing. The commission discussed the format of the presentation. Andy Rockett with put together a brief

power point. He will send to commission members to review and comment on Monday. He will also have copies of the recommendations (attached) at the meeting and will give to Ann Logan, Town Clerk to post with meeting notice.

6. Scheduling of next meeting

The next meeting held will be the public hearing, Wed June 13, 2018 at 7 pm in the main auditorium at Town Hall.

7. Adjournment

Bob Chester made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:51 pm Graham Van Keuren seconded. All in favor (6-0)