

TOWN OF SOMERS
Charter Revision Commission

Minutes
June 27, 2018
7:00 p.m.
Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room

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

1. Call to Order
 - a. 7:05p.m. Meeting called to order by Chairman Andy Rockett
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Ralph Williams made a motion to approve the June 20, 2018 minutes. Bob Chester seconded. All in favor 4-0-1 (Andy Rockett abstained)
3. Public Hearing Discussion (June 20, 2018)
 - a. The commission discussed outstanding issues: number of selectmen; reporting structure; planning and zoning; super majority and residency requirement.
4. Final Report /Recommendations
 - a. The commission discussed the prior recommendation to leave Planning and Zoning separate. After discussion it was the consensus of the commission to leave both separate as it was reported towns who have combined the two lose the planning aspect and focus on zoning.
 - b. Reporting of Financial Officer and proposed Town Administrator. The commission discussed the reporting structure and current roles and responsibilities. Ralph Williams made a motion to have the Financial Officer report to the proposed Town Administrator. Andy Rockett seconded. All in favor 3-1-1 (Andy Rockett, Terri Henderson, Ralph Williams approved, Bob Chester opposed, Graham Van Keuren abstained).
 - c. Reporting of the Town Administrator to the First Selectman or Board of Selectman. It was the consensus of the commission to have the Town Administrator report to the First Selectman.
 - d. Selectmen board consist of 3 or 5 selectmen. It was the consensus of the commission to recommend 5 selectmen.
 - e. Super majority: It was the consensus of the commission to have a super majority to hire and fire the Town Administrator.
 - f. Residency requirement: It was the consensus of the commission not to require residency.

Andy Rockett will put together a draft cover page, Bob Chester will forward an organization chart and Andy Rockett will attach the draft copy of the Charter changes and forward to commission tomorrow morning for review. Andy Rockett will be out of town. Once reviewed by commission, Ralph Williams will submit to Ann Logan by end of day Thursday, June 28, 2018.

6/28/18 Charter Commission report submitted
Selectmen will review report

7/30/18 Selectmen will hold a public hearing by end of July
Board of Selectmen have 15 days from the Public Hearing to recommend any changes and send back to the Charter Commission

8/30/18 The Charter Commission has 30 days to review recommendations and make final recommendation.

5. Adjournment

Graham Van Keuren made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm Ralph Williams seconded. All in favor (5-0)