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TOWN OF CROMWELL
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2010
TOWN HALL ROOM 222

REVISED AGENDA

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - 1. Organizational Meeting, September 1, 2010
 - 1. Public Hearing September 29, 2010
 - 2. Special Meeting September 29, 2010
 - 3. Special Meeting October 6, 2010
- C. NEW BUSINESS
 - 1. Discuss Charter Revision recommendations.
- D. ADJOURNMENT

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**TOWN OF CROMWELL
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2010
7:00 PM TOWN HALL ROOM 222**

John C. Quinn
TOWN CLERK

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

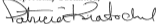
- A. CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order by First Selectman John Flanders at 7:01 pm.
- B. ROLL CALL** Present were John Flanders, Carl Banic, Richard Duffy, Jay Polke, Frank Seidl, Enzo Faienza and Edwin Maley. Robert Donahue was not present.
- C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – All were in favor of the agenda.
- D. PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None.
- E. NEW BUSINESS**
- 1. Election of Officers** – Carl Banic nominated Ed Maley for Chairman. Frank Seidl seconded the nomination for Ed Maley. Jay Polke nominated Enzo Faienza for Chairman. There was no second. There was no further discussion. The members unanimously approved Ed Maley for Chairman.

Enzo Faienza nominated Richard Duffy for Vice Chairman. The nomination was seconded by Jay Polke. The motion was unanimously approved.
 - 2. Schedule Meetings** – Ed Maley wants to have a hearing as soon as possible. He suggested September 29, 2010. There was a discussion on the timeline of the Board of Selectmen's meetings. The commission also discussed the timeline of this commission. It was decided that this commission would meet every Wednesday from October to December in 2010. (see attached schedule)

3. Discussion of charter revision process and timeline – During a brief discussion the commission reviewed the process for the charter revision.
4. Discussion of charter revisions – Each member spoke briefly on the revisions. It was agreed that early public input is necessary along with expectations from the Board of Selectmen. John Flanders stated that the Board of Selectmen is not looking for major changes. Mr. Flanders stated he will have some of his own expectations and hopefully some from the Board of Selectmen soon.

F. ADJOURNMENT Ed Maley adjourned the meeting at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Kratochvil
Recording Secretary

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING
SEPTEMBER 29, 2010
TOWN HALL ROOM 224/5
(FOLLOWING 7:00 P.M. PUBLIC HEARING)**

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Carolee M. Paoletti
TOWN CLERK

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.
Present were Edwin Maley, Carl Banic, Robert Donahue, Richard
Duffy, Jay Polke, Frank Seidl, and Enzo Faienza.

B. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Dick Newton, 1 Elm Road, would like the commission to consider and discuss if our current form of government is adequate and consider all forms of government.

Mike Camilleri, 14 Centerwood Drive, would like to echo Mr. Newton's comments. Mr. Camilleri would like to see more than just a clean up of the charter.

Allan Waters, 86 South Street, has followed the East Hampton situation. Mr. Waters cautions on how the contract would be written to protect the town. The only way you are going to get someone good is to pay well. He wants the commission to do their homework well and see what other towns are doing if a town manager is chosen.

Ann Halibozek, 7 Christian Hill Road, would like to see a town manager form of government and would like the commission to use Glastonbury or Rocky Hill as examples.

Robert Jahn, 3 Woodside Road, would like to echo the comments of the previous speakers for a town manager. Mr. Jahn had some specific concerns about terms of office, appointments and eligibility. He feels the police commission should be abolished since he feels it is not very effective. Mr. Jahn mentioned the ethnic's commission. He suggested Section 258 Item c be totally deleted.

Allan Spotts, 62 Black Haw Drive, supports the former speakers regarding the town manager form of government.

Mike Gengler, 5 Forest Road, wants the commission to ask what is best for Cromwell and keep in mind the checks and balances in place.

Richard Newton, 1 Elm Road, corrected his earlier statement that 80 – 90% has a town manager. He is in favor of changing the form of government but not to a mayor form of government.

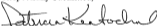
Ann Halibozek, 7 Christian Hill Road, is concerned about accountability of any person leading Cromwell.

Allan Waters, 86 South Street, cautions to use East Hampton as an eye opener.

Robert Jahn, 3 Woodside Road, asked about this commissions meeting schedule.

C. Adjournment - The public hearing portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Kratochvil

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**TOWN OF CROMWELL
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SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 29, 2010
TOWN HALL ROOM 224/5**

Patricia Kratochvil
TOWN CLERK

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

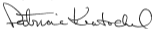
A. CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. Present were Edwin Maley, Carl Banic, Robert Donahue, Richard Duffy, Jay Polke, Frank Seidl, and Enzo Faienza.

B. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Discuss Charter Revision recommendations** – will have further discussions next Wednesday.

C. ADJOURNMENT - A **motion** was made by Carl Banic to adjourn the meeting at 7:41pm. The motion was seconded by Enzo Faienza. **All were in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Kratochvil

TOWN OF CROMWELL
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2010
7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL ROOM 222

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Barbara N. DeLo
TOWN CLERK

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Edwin Maley, Carl Banic, Richard Duffy, Jay Polke, Frank Seidl, and Enzo Faienza. Also present was John Flanders and Peter Keithan.

Ed Maley motioned to accept the agenda. All were in favor.

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss Charter Revision recommendations. Robert Donahue resigned. John Flanders went over rules of the make-up of the commission. Dan Delisle was recommended. Ed Maley wants the minutes separated. The minutes will be amended. Future agendas will allow for approval of minutes.

Ed Maley discussed different forms of government and whether or not a charter should micro manage town departments. Carl Banic asked "Why we should change our current form of government? Is there a problem with it? Is it because of the budget?" A brief history of the charter revision was discussed.

Ed Maley discussed the town manager form of government. The day-to-day decisions are political despite what people may think. Mr. Maley feels that Cromwell is political. He feels that more professional people would be more beneficial. Also a town manager is very costly. There are other political layers of people such as mayor or town council. Mr. Maley does not see the advantage of a town manager.

Rich Duffy stated that with the Selectman form of government the consistency is lost. Long range plans are lost.

Mr. Maley stated that many officials are elected. There is the consideration of appointing some of those officials.

Frank Seidl stated that the town has been growing for some time. He doesn't know if a town manager is the right solution.

Rich Duffy stated that he believes that there are not a lot of town managers because as a town grows more professionals are brought in for longer periods of time to handle the town. Mr. Flanders stated over the past 5 years stated that our top management has had multiple changes. Mr. Duffy and Mr. Flanders discussed that many of the departments are not working together. Therefore if there is a town manager that

manager would need to coordinate the many different departments. Rich Duffy discussed the need to instill accountability in the town.

Mr. Maley asked each member their current position on town manager or current form of government. He also asked if people were willing to extend term of the Selectman.

In summary Mr. Maley not moving toward town manager, extending term of first selectman and possible looking at town council. Commission will look at town manager again at a later date.

A discussion was held on how to draft and propose the questions to the public when it comes time to vote.

Item 1 Town manager not being considered at this time - The commission is moving towards a Town Council or extension of terms of the selectmen.

Item 2 C501 Selectwoman or Councilwoman - Mr. Maley states this is a major project. He is volunteering his time to type this project. He is not willing to do this magnitude of a change.

Item 3 C603A - Bonds - There are limitations that parallel state statute. This was withdrawn. No action will be taken.

Item 4 C1101 - Merit system - Most employees are covered under a union contract. This merit system would only cover 6 employees. John Flanders stated that this was generated by accountability. A discussion on how a merit system would be put in place. There will be further discussion at a later date.

Item 5 Chapter 19 Section C309, C1004-C1006 - This commission is not considering a town manager at this time. No one on the commission is considering merging Board of Selectman and Board of Finance.

Flanders C205 and C301 - This commission is thinking of 4-year term for First Selectman but 2 year terms for Board of Selectman.

Flanders C501 and C701 - Remove the power of the Board of Selectmen to set the First Selectmen's compensation. Further discussion will take place at the next meeting.

Flanders C508 and C509 - Voting right should be extended to all individuals entitled to vote in the regular Town Meeting on the Budget - To be discussed next meeting.

The commission will continue to work on the Board of Selectmen's considerations.

C. ADJOURNMENT - A motion was made to adjourn at 9:00 pm by Carl Banic and the motion was seconded. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Kratochvil". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Patricia Kratochvil