

TOWN OF CROMWELL
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2010
7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL ROOM 222

APPROVED MINUTES

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

A motion was made by Carl Banic and seconded by Frank Seidl to amend the agenda to discuss new business first. **All were in favor.**

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. **Organizational Meeting, September 1, 2010** - Enzo Faienza motioned to accept the amended minutes for the September 1, 2010 Organizational Meeting. Jay Polke seconded the motion. **All were in favor.**

2. **Public Hearing September 29, 2010** - Enzo Faienza motioned to accept the minutes for the Public Hearing September 29, 2010. Carl Banic seconded the motion. **All were in favor.** There was some discussion. Enzo Faienza motioned to reconsider the Public Hearing on September 29, 2010. Carl Banic seconded the motion. **All were in favor.** There was discussion to amend the minutes. A motion was made by Rich Duffy to amend the minutes. The motion was seconded by Frank Seidl. **All were in favor.**

3. **Special Meeting September 29, 2010** - Enzo Faienza motioned to accept the September 29, 2010 Special Meeting minutes as read. Carl Banic seconded the motion. **All were in favor.**

4. **Special Meeting October 6, 2010** - Frank Seidl motioned to table the October 6, 2010 minutes until the next meeting. Carl Banic seconded the motion. **All were in favor.**

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Discuss Charter Revision recommendations** - The salary of the First Selectmen was discussed. The average pay of first selectmen of the State of Connecticut and who sets the pay was discussed. This will be discussed furthered.

Voting rights of electors and voters was discussed. The discussion of the difference of the two was also discussed.

Richard Duffy entered the meeting at 7:10 pm.

Ed Maley entered at 7:20 pm.

The commission discussed the extension of term of the first selectman and a mechanism to recall the first selectman. The commission wanted it difficult to remove the first selectman but at least have a method to do it. The commission discussed what options were available to the town in temporary absences of the first

selectman. The commission discussed whether the first selectman should be employed outside the town while holding office and the accountability of the first selectman.

A Jury Committee was discussed and dismissed.

Flanders #7 C909 - Appointment of the Town Attorney- The committee discussed the appointment of the town attorney with no time limit.

Flanders #8 C1010 - Bank Loans - A short discussion was held on changing the wording of "bonds and notes" to "debt".

#9 Flanders - Elimination of Town Treasurer - A discussion was held on having the Finance Department take on the responsibilities of the Town Treasurer and eliminating that position.

A discussion was held on decreasing or increasing the number of elected positions. It was discussed if some of these positions should be appointed.

The meeting next week will be cancelled due to lack of members.

D.Adjournment - Carl Banic **motioned** to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 pm and Jay Polke seconded the motion. **All were in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Kratochvil