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LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF CROMWELL
PUBLIC HEARING
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
JULY 19, 2011

Cromwell, CT -Notice is hereby given that the Cromwell Charter Revision Commission, pursuant to the requirements of Section 7-191 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed revisions to the current Charter on Tuesday, July 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cromwell Town Hall, 41 West Street, Cromwell, Connecticut 06416, Room 224/5. Any person wishing to make any recommendations is invited to speak at this hearing.

Vincent Faienza (R)
Vincent Faienza, Chairman
Charter Revision Commission

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TOWN OF CROMWELL
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2011
7:00 P.M. (IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING) TOWN HALL ROOM 224/5

AGENDA

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 7, 2011
- C. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- D. NEW BUSINESS
 - 1. Discussion and possible action regarding Charter Revision.
- E. ADJOURNMENT

Individuals with disabilities who require accommodations, assistance, or communication aids to participate at this meeting are encouraged to make their needs and preferences known to First Selectman John Flanders or iflanders@cromwellct.com or to the Town ADA Coordinator Theresa Strong at 632-3446 or tstrong@cromwellct.com at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled event.

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 7, 2011
7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL ROOM 222**

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vincent Faienza called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Present were Vincent Faienza, Jay Polke, Carl Banic, Phil Gagnon, Frank Seidl, Ed Maley and Rich Duffy. Attorney Bradley was present.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 23, 2011

Carl Banic **moved** to accept the minutes of the meeting on June 23, 2011. Jay Polke seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Yes vote – Carl Banic, Phil Gagnon, Jay Polke, Frank Seidl, Vincent Faienza

No vote – None

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barbara Coughlin - 19 Glenwood Terrace - What were some of the reasons the last charter was turned down? She stated some of them.

Rich Duffy arrived at 7:10 pm.

Captain Kosinski - The Captain wanted to speak on the proposals submitted by the Chief. Proposal A is a better proposal. It better streamlines the police department in the hiring process. The Captain is requesting that the commission reverse its decision and go back to Proposal A. The commission asked questions of the Captain.

Alice Kelly – 47 Willowbrook Road- Ms. Kelly spoke on the Police Commission and state statutes. She feels the police commission is necessary for the voice of the people. She wants the commission to understand why the police commission was put in the state statutes.

Tony Varricchio – 6 Kowal Drive - Tony stated that the Police Commission does not interfere with the decision making of the chief.

D. NEW BUSINESS

Vincent Faienza asked Jack Bradley if the charter could be revised to allow the Chief the ability to streamline the hiring without taking the voice of the people away. The commission held a discussion on the powers of the police commission. The commission has decided to hear from the public at the public hearing on this subject.

Ed Maley arrived at 7:37 pm.

Jack Bradley presented key points of the July 7, 2011 draft to the commission. The commission discussed "just cause". Vincent Faienza stated that if just cause is added that it would make it difficult for the town manager to do his/her job. He stated that the employee could go to the town council to be heard. Carl Banic stated he was concerned that a town manager could bring in friends to fill positions.

Carl Banic **moved** to add a just cause to all non-union employees to the July 7, 2011 draft. The motion was seconded by Jay Polke. There was a brief discussion. **Motion failed.**

Yes – Ed Maley, Carl Banic, Jay Polke

No- Phil Gagnon, Rich Duffy, Vincent Faienza, Frank Seidl

The discussion continued on the draft. The commission went over the requested changes with Jack Bradley. Supplemental Appropriations, Emergency Appropriations, and Transfer of Appropriations were revisited by the commission. The commission discussed percentages and procedure for the appropriations.

Carl Banic **moved** to have supplemental appropriations be certified from the town manager to the Town Council. The appropriations then go to the Board of Finance for approval. Emergency appropriations will be raised from 1% to 2% with approval from the Town Council. Frank Seidl seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Yes vote– Phil Gagnon, Rich Duffy, Vincent Faienza, Frank Seidl, Ed Maley, Carl Banic, Jay Polke

No vote- None

Ed Maley wanted the commission to discuss the approved June 23, 2011 minutes again.

Carl Banic **moved** to amend the minutes the of the June 23, 2011 to state that Ed Maley was briefly in attendance and to state that the reason he was not staying at the meeting was because he had a conflict with a meeting of the Board of Finance scheduled on the same night. There was a brief discussion. The motion was seconded by Ed Maley. **Motion carried.**

Yes vote – Carl Banic, Phil Gagnon, Jay Polke, Frank Seidl, Vincent Faienza, Ed Maley, Rich Duffy

No vote – None

E.. ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** to adjourn was made by Carl Banic at 9:12 pm. Jay Polke seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Yes vote – Carl Banic, Phil Gagnon, Jay Polke, Frank Seidl, Rich Duffy, Ed Maley, Vincent Faienza

No vote – None

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Kratochvil