

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 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, Frank Seidl, Phil Gagnon, Richard Duffy and Ed Maley.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2011

Frank Seidl **moved** to accept the minutes of the meeting on May 19, 2011. Carl Banic seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Carl Banic- yes, Frank Seidl-yes, Phil Gagnon-yes, Jay Polke-yes, Vincent Faienza-yes, Richard Duffy-absent, Ed Maley-absent

C. SPECIAL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2, 16 AND 23

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Barbara Coughlin, 19 Glenwood Terrace– Mrs. Coughlin talked to several people and would still like to keep the Police Commission. She is also concerned about the qualifications of the town manager.

E. NEW BUSINESS

Funding for the Charter Revision was voted down by the Board of Finance. Vincent Faienza proposed several options to the commission.

Ed Maley, Phil Gagnon and Rich Duffy joined the meeting at 7:08 pm.

1. Continue with the town attorney and have people donate time.
2. Or revert back to the old charter that the commission was working previously.

Phil Gagnon, Richard Duffy and Frank Seidl stated they were interested in continuing on the current path of town manager. Ed Maley stated that if the commission is interested in staying the course then they are ready to go to another public hearing. Jay Polke stated he would be interested in the town council/town manager form of government but is concerned about the time factor. The commission held a discussion on the timing of the charter. Carl Banic stated he wants to support option 2. He doesn't believe many people will read the charter online.

Rich Duffy **motioned** to continue with the charter for a November referendum. Phil Gagnon seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.**

Carl Banic- no, Frank Seidl-yes, Phil Gagnon-yes, Jay Polke-yes, Vincent Faienza-yes, Richard Duffy-yes, Ed Maley-no

Chief Salvatore gave a presentation on the Police Commission. Chief Salvatore stated that the Police Chief could under the proposed charter work under the Town Manager. He also stated that the Police Commission is very limited. Chief Salvatore suggested that new hires for the police department be

recommended by the Chief of Police to the Town Manager. The other proposal is to keep the Police Commission under the Town Council. Chief Salvatore stated he feels this proposal is cumbersome. The commission asked questions of Chief Salvatore.

The commission discussed whether to keep the Board of Finance. The majority felt it is more important to keep the Board of Finance and pass the Town Council/Town Manager form of government.

Phil Gagnon **motioned** to keep the Board of Finance. Carl Banic seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**
Carl Banic- yes, Frank Seidl-no, Phil Gagnon-yes, Jay Polke-yes, Vincent Faienza-yes, Richard Duffy-yes, Ed Maley-yes

Jay Polke **motioned** to keep Article 1 Powers of the Town of 2003 Charter the same. Carl Banic seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Carl Banic- yes, Frank Seidl-yes, Phil Gagnon-yes, Jay Polke-yes, Vincent Faienza-yes, Richard Duffy-yes, Ed Maley-yes

The commission discussed if the Town Council should receive compensation. Carl Banic **motioned** that no compensation be received by board or commission members other than reimbursable expenses. Richard Duffy seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Carl Banic- yes, Frank Seidl-no, Phil Gagnon-no, Jay Polke-yes, Vincent Faienza-yes, Richard Duffy-yes, Ed Maley-yes

The commission wants it stated to add under Article III Town Manager that the town manager will be the Chief Executive Officer and under Article II the Mayor will be the Chief Executive Official. The commission would like 5 out of 7 members to remove the town manager. The commission discussed the term of the Town Manager. There was a discussion of putting a cap on the term of the Town Manager and the removal and suspension of the Town Manager.

Ed Maley stated he was not at the last meeting because he was out of town and will be absent for the next meeting for the same reason.

F. ADJOURNMENT

A **motion** to adjourn was made by Carl Banic at 8:54 pm. Richard Duffy seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Carl Banic- yes, Frank Seidl-yes, Phil Gagnon-yes, Jay Polke-yes, Vincent Faienza-yes, Richard Duffy-yes, Ed Maley-yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Kratochvil