

**TOWN OF CROMWELL  
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2011  
7 P.M. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEARING ROOM 224/225**

**MINUTES**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Vincent Faienza called the meeting to order at 9:05 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 JULY 7, 2011**

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

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

**No vote – None**

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**None**

**D. NEW BUSINESS**

Letters from Tax Assessor and Finance Director were presented to the commission.

Vincent Faienza wants to schedule a meeting next week to go over all information received and letters received.

Ed Maley stated that most of the information in the present charter came from the 2003 charter. He stated that it was brought forth by the public tonight. A major concern is the inconsistency. He feels that it will take time to bring everything in order. He feels that a comparison from the old charter to the new charter needs to be done to make sure nothing is left out. He doesn't feel that the last charter wasn't only voted down because of the town manager but also because it was poorly written.

Jack Bradley agrees with Ed Maley.

Rich Duffy stated that the charter has technical issues that need to be cleaned up. He does not feel it is the result of the 2003 Charter. This charter is its own document that stands on its own.

Phil Gagnon stated that this charter is not a perfect document. This document contains many different documents from the 2003 charter. It contains parts from charters from Rocky Hill, Glastonbury, etc

Jay Polke spoke how the librarian spoke on the homeless. He does not remember the commission speaking on that subject.

Frank Seidl stated he agrees with Ed Maley about making sure all the good from the old charter is brought forward to the new charter.

Ed Maley **moved** to direct the Town attorney to compare the most recent version of the charter that we are proposing with the current charter to report to the commission any subtenant omissions that have not been discussed by this commission. Carl Banic seconded the motion. A discussion was held by the commission. **Motion carried.**

**Yes – Frank Seidl, Jay Polke, Phil Gagnon, Ed Maley, Carl Banic, Vincent Faienza**  
**No- Rich Duffy**

Phil Gagnon **moved** to have Department heads appointed, removed, or suspended by the Town Manager with approval of Town Council. The motion was seconded by Rich Duffy. Ed Maley is opposed to the whole concept. **Motion Carried.**

**Yes – Frank Seidl, Jay Polke, Phil Gagnon, Rich Duffy, Vincent Faienza**  
**No - Carl Banic, Ed Maley**

Phil Gagnon **moved** to have non - department heads to be appointed, removed or suspended by the department head with the approval of Town Manager subject to the collective bargaining unit. Jay Polke seconded the motion. There was a discussion. **Motion Carried.**

**Yes- Frank Seidl, Jay Polke, Phil Gagnon, Rich Duffy, Vincent Faienza**  
**No- Carl Banic, Ed Maley**

Section 2.08 Judge of Qualifications – The commission discussed this section further.

Phil Gagnon **moved** to strike section 2.08 Carl seconded. **Motion Carried.**

Yes - All  
No

Section 7.07 needs fixing.

2.02 minority representation – The commission discussed the impact of the wording.

Police Commission – The police commission was discussed again by this commission. The public's comments were reviewed. This will discuss it later.

Next meeting will be July 27, 2011 at 7 pm.

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

A **motion** to adjourn was made by Carl Banic at 10:21 pm. Phil Gagnon 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