

**TOWN OF CROMWELL
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2011
7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL ROOM 222**

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vincent Faienza called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Present were Vincent Faienza, Jay Polke, Carl Banic, Phil Gagnon, and Frank Seidl. Attorney Bradley was present. Ed Maley and Rich Duffy were not present.

Carl Banic **moved** to amend the agenda to moved Item E New Business to Item D and Item D Schedule of July Meetings to Item E. Jay Polke seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Carl Banic- yes, Phil Gagnon-yes, Jay Polke-yes, Vincent Faienza-yes, Frank Seidl-yes

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2011

Carl Banic **moved** to accept the minutes of the meeting on June 16, 2011. Jay Polke seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Carl Banic- yes, Phil Gagnon-yes, Jay Polke-yes, Vincent Faienza-yes, Frank Seidl-abstained

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alice Kelly – 47 Willowbrook Road – Ms. Kelly spoke regarding the police commission. She feels the police commission and general statues is a very strong combination. The general public needs a board that they can go to address their concerns. She does not feel it should be elected at large. It creates checks and balances. As for the Town Manager concept, she feels that the town will grow economically.

Shawna Baron (assessor)-Positions such as the finance director and public works director have a just clause for recourse however, her position and other non-union positions do not. She has no one to go to for a just cause provision.

D. SCHEDULE JULY MEETINGS

July 7 Special Meeting 7 pm, July 19 public hearing 7 pm, July 19 after public hearing follow up special meeting of commission

E. NEW BUSINESS

The recording secretary left the room to make copies for the commission. The meeting resumed when the recording secretary returned with copies.

Jack Bradley recommended to the commission to keep the police commission. Jack Bradley in his draft put in Proposal B. Last week the commission voted to accept Proposal A.

Carl Banic **moved** to rescind Police Chiefs Proposal A and accept Police Chiefs Proposal B which includes a Police Commission. Phil Gagnon seconded the motion. After a brief discussion a vote was taken.

Motion carried.

Carl Banic- yes, Phil Gagnon-yes, Jay Polke-yes, Vincent Faienza-yes, Frank Seidl-yes

Jack Bradley had a draft charter for discussion purposes only for the commission. The commission reviewed the document. The commission discussed “good cause”. Jack Bradley will research the difference between “good causes” versus “just causes”.

Section 6 – This section keeps the Board of Finance and preserves the referendum process with the Town Manager.

F. ADJOURNMENT

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

Carl Banic- yes, Phil Gagnon-yes, Jay Polke-yes, Vincent Faienza-yes, Frank Seidl-yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Kratochvil