

TOWN OF CROMWELL
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2011
7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL ROOM 222

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER - The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm. Present were Ed Maley, Richard Duffy, Enzo Faienza, Jay Polke, Carl Banic, Frank Seidl and Phil Gagnon.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Public Hearing on February 23, 2011 - Carl Banic moved to accept the minutes of the public hearing on February 23, 2011. The motion was seconded by Frank Seidl. All were in favor.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss Charter Revision recommendations. - Commission members would like to revisit the town manager subject. Several members would like to review the removal section again. Mr. Maley remarked that to make changes to a town manager will be very costly and timely. Phil Gagnon suggested using the charter that was used in 2003 to see if it would save some money. The commission discussed why the 2003 Charter was voted down. Mr. Maley suggested talking to the First Selectman, Board of Selectman, and Finance Director to see if resources are available to this commission to start over.

Phil Gagnon moved to decide to revise the charter to provide for the council/manager form of government. Frank Seidl seconded the motion. **Motion Carried 5-2-0.**

Rich Duffy questioned whether two charters could be presented. After a brief discussion it was determined that only one could be presented because there is only one vote.

Jay Polke discussed the First Selectman's salary that was presented in the charter.

Rich Duffy questioned if this commission could put the charter together using other town's charters and the old 2003 charter. If researchers could be hired and then bring in an attorney at the end to check for inconsistencies.

The next meeting is March 23. The public hearing and meeting for March 16th is cancelled.

D.ADJOURNMENT - A motion to adjourn was made by Carl Banic at 8:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Rich Duffy. **All were in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Patricia Kratochvil