# TOWN OF CROMWELL

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# CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, February 15th, 2017

7:00PM TOWN HALL ROOM 222

# **MINUTES**

A. Call to Order - Chairman Camilleri called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M. Present: Mike Cannata, Paul Beaulieu, Marie Roberto, and Chairman, Mike Camilleri.

Also Present: Town Manager, Anthony Salvatore, Town Attorney, Kari Olson, and Mayor, Enzo Faienza.

Absent: Karen Spotts, Tony Amenta, and Shirley Bannic.

- B. Approval of Agenda Paul Beaulieu motioned to approve the agenda for Wednesday, February 15th, 2017, seconded by Mike. The motion passed unanimously.
- C. Approval of Minutes Paul Beaulieu motioned to approve the minutes from February 1st, 2017, seconded by Mike. The motion passed unanimously.
- D. Correspondence From Phil Gagnon RE: request to revisit Mayoral stipend.
- E. Public Comments None.

#### F. Old Business

- 1. Review proposed revisions to the Charter
  - i. Section 4.01. General Provisions (c): 'general statutes' was revised to 'General Statues'.
  - ii. Section 4.16. Town Planner, second sentence: Replace 'clerk' with 'staff'.
    - 1. Third sentence: Add 'land' between 'and development'.
  - iii. Section 7.01. Town Employees: The title of this section will be changed to 'Town Employee Personnel Rules'.
  - iv. Section 5.06. Incompatible Offices: Minor edits were made to this section.

### G. New Business

- 1. Discuss & potentially approve proposed revisions to various Charter sections.
  - i. In response to Phil Gagnon's inquiry about the mayoral stipend,
     Mayor Faienza mentioned his duties as the chief elected official require a 25-30 hour weekly commitment.
    - 1. Mike Cannata mentioned there may be significant backlash from the public if a mayoral stipend were implemented.
    - 2. Several Commission members and the Town Manager expressed their support for a stipend, given the demands of the mayoral position.
    - 3. In response to a question about what a stipend should entail, Mayor Faienza suggested between \$500 and \$800 a month as compensation for food and travel expenses, and the time required to perform mayoral duties.
    - 4. The long-term implications of requiring a stipend in the Charter were also discussed. Mike Cannata mentioned there'd be significant opposition to a stipend requirement in the Charter.
    - 5. The Commission unanimously agreed that the Mayor shouldn't be liable for any expenses related to food and travel.

# H. Adjournment

1. Chairman Camilleri motioned to adjourn, seconded by Paul. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 P.M.

Please contact Charter Revision Commission Chairman, Mike Camilleri, at mikecamilleri@gmail.com with any questions or comments.

Respectfully submitted,

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Arthur Atkin

Recording Clerk