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HOME RULE CHARTER COMMISSION
Town Hall – Second Floor Conference Room
August 31, 2021
5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair B. Joe Reddish, III called the meeting of the Home Rule Charter Commission to order at 5:33 P.M. This meeting was held In-Person at Town Hall, Second Floor Conference Room, 5 Richmond Townhouse Road, Wyoming, R.I.

Present were: Chair B. Joe Reddish, III, Vice Chair Mark T. Reynolds, Gina M. DeBernardo, Tracy A. Nelson, Joseph Arsenault, Benjamin Jack, and Erin F. Liese. Krista Marie Tracy was not present.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1) Discussion and Approval of Minutes from August 18, 2021

E. Liese advised on scribe errors.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of August 18, 2021 as amended by Tracy A. Nelson seconded by Gina M. DeBernardo. Vote: B. Joe Reddish, III- Aye, Mark T. Reynolds- Aye, Erin F. Liese- Aye, Gina M. DeBernardo- Aye, Tracy A. Nelson- Aye, Joseph Arsenault- Aye, and Benjamin Jack- Aye. (Motion Passes)

C. NEW BUSINESS

Please Note in Accordance with Section 42-46-6 (b) the Commission May Review, Discuss and/or take Action on the following items:

- 1) Discussion on Budget Adoption Language Research

Discussion ensued on the research on the subject provided.

Discussion ensued on how the public would have input in the budget, how information would be communicated and public hearings.

The current language of the Charter was reviewed to determine what sections would need to be amended to accommodate an All Day Referendum.

M. Reynolds suggested drafting an outline of Charlestown, Hopkinton and Glocester to review at the next meeting.

Public Hearing notice was reviewed.

2) Discussion on Town Manager Language Research

The Town Manger research was reviewed.

Discussion ensued on the proposed changes.

Discussion ensued on residency requirement and performance review.

It was noted the proposed changes would be reviewed at a future meeting.

3) Discussion on Non-Partisan Election Language Research

The research on non- partisan elections were reviewed.

B. Jack questioned if the timing was right to amend now.

Discussion ensued on potential changes in the current climate.

It was noted due to time New Business Items 1-5 would be placed on a future agenda for further discussion.

4) Discussion on Soliciting Input/ Feedback on the Charter Review Process

5) Discussion of potential amendments to the Home Rule Charter

6) Schedule future meeting dates

Potential dates were reviewed.

It was determined the next meeting would be September 14, 2021 at 5:30 P.M.

D. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mark T. Reynolds with second by Tracy A. Nelson to adjourn at 7:04 P.M. Vote: Tracy A. Nelson- Aye, Mark T. Reynolds- Aye, Erin F. Liese- Aye, Krista Marie Tracy- Aye, Gina M. DeBernardo- Aye, B. Joe Reddish, III- Aye, Joseph Arsenault- Aye, and Benjamin Jack- Aye. (Unanimous)

Attest:

Erin F. Liese, CMC Town Clerk