

## **PRESENT, DISCUSS AND ACT ON CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION [REPORT](#)**

Charter Review Commission Chair Jeff Brenner called to order the Charter Review Commission at 8:40 PM with the following members in attendance, Patricia Adams, Anthony Arico, Chair Jeff Brenner, John Cregan, Mary Alyce Gasbarro, James Jackson, Joel Hellmann and Alan Klepper. Chair Brenner stated that the Charter Review Commission reviewed every section of the current Charter and has distributed revised copies of the Charter with proposed track changes, as well as, minutes from all of the meetings of the Charter Review Commission to the Town Council. Chair Brenner stated that the Charter Review Commission invited members of the public, the School Committee and Administration, Town Council, Town Solicitor and members of the municipal government to comment and or suggest changes to the Charter. Chair Brenner stated that changes are proposed within the following sections (Changes are fully set forth in a memo provided by Chair Jeffrey Brenner dated May 14, 2014. Attachments are included via "CLERKBASE": Town Council Agenda: June 2, 2014 – PRESENT, DISCUSS AND ACT ON CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION REPORT):

1-3-1 POWERS GRANTED TOWN – the proposed change from the Charter Review Commission will be stricken. Town Solicitor Michael Ursillo stated that the fines are determined by Rhode Island General Law (RIGL). Mr. Brenner stated he will make the change reverting to the original language, **five hundred (\$500.00) dollars.**

1-3-3 DISPOSITION OR CHANGE IN USE OF REAL ESTATE

1-3-11 EFFECT OF STATE LAW

1-4-1 APPLICABILITY OF STATE CODE OF ETHICS

1-4-2 DECLARATION OF POLICY AND PURPOSE

2-1-1 NUMBER, SELECTION, TERM

2-1-2 QUALIFICATIONS

2-1-4 COMPENSATION

2-1-5 INVESTIGATION

2-1-6 POWERS (e) and (j)

2-1-8 VACANCIES

2-1-9 MEETINGS

2-2-1 PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES

2-2-2 PUBLIC HEARINGS

3-1-1 QUALIFICATIONS

3-1-4 TEMPORARY ABSENCE OR DISABILITY

5-1-4 BONDS

6-1-4 DUTIES AND POWERS (c), (f), (i) and (j)

6-2-2 DEPARTMENT BUDGETS

6-2-3 BUDGET CONTROL

6-2-5 CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNTS

6-4-2 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

6-4-4 SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUDGET

6-4-6 RECOMMENDED TOWN BUDGET AND FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING

6-5-1 FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING MAY AUTHORIZE BOND ISSUES

6-5-2 FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING MAY AUTHORIZE BORROWING IN ANTICIPATION OF

## **TAXES**

6-6-1 ENTERPRISE FUND

7-1-1 TOWN MEETING TIME AND PURPOSE

7-1-2 POWERS OF ELECTORS

7-1-3 NOTICE OF MEETINGS

7-1-4 NOTICE OF MEETING TO DISPOSE OF LAND OR MAKE TAX  
7-1-5 CANVASS PRIOR TO MEETING  
7-1-6 QUORUM  
7-1-7 MODERATOR  
7-1-8 DUTIES OF MODERATOR  
7-1-9 DISORDERLY CONDUCT AT MEETING  
7-1-10 VOTING ON MOTIONS  
7-1-11 MAJORITY REQUIRED FOR ACTION  
7-1-14 CALL OF SPECIAL MEETING  
7-1-15 LIMITATIONS ON MOTIONS FOR APPROPRIATIONS

Mrs. Speakman requested that Chair Brenner return to continue this discussion at the next meeting of the Town Council on Monday, June 30, 2014. Mrs. Speakman stated that if there are questions or comments pertaining to the document to contact either Chair Brenner or Town Clerk Meredith DeSisto before the next Town Council meeting. Mrs. Coyne asked if all the revisions are included in the document that was distributed this evening. Chair Brenner stated that they were not. Chair Brenner stated that Mr. Ursillo had sent additional comments and suggestions. Mr. Ursillo suggested that the document should include all the revisions and be in its final form for the next meeting on June 30, 2014. Mr. Ursillo recommended that a vote should be made at the next meeting on ballot questions. These ballot question need to be submitted to the Secretary of State's Office by August 6, 2014. **Motion** by Mrs. Weymouth and seconded by Mrs. Coyne to continue discussion until the next meeting of the Town Council which is scheduled for Monday, June 30, 2014. Passed unanimously. A **motion** by Alan Klepper and seconded by James Jackson to approve the Charter Review minutes from May 19, 2014. Passed unanimously. A **motion** by Alan Klepper and seconded by James Jackson to adjourn the meeting of the Charter Review Commission at 9:21 PM. Passed unanimously.