

# Meeting of the Charter Review Commission

December 8, 2015

## 1.0 WORKSHOP

### 2.0 CALL TO ORDER – 3:00PM

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm in the Judson Dunaway Center.

Elected and appointed members in attendance:

Paul Breen  
Cindy Douglass  
Lesley Mathews  
Chris Murphy, Town Clerk

Absent members:

Michele Tourangeau

### 2.1 Approval of Minutes – November 24, 2015

Minutes were accepted as written

## 3.0 APPOINTMENTS

The Commission discussed the election of officers. Chris Murphy, Chair voted 3-0-2, Paul Breen, Vice-Chair voted 3-0-2 and Cindy Douglass, Secretary voted 3-0-2, The Commission decided unanimously to elect the officers as there has not been any interest from any resident to serve on the Commission. Chris stated that approximately 11 various people have been contacted and no was willing to serve.

Lesley Matthews will contact Loring DeAgazio, Dwain Underwood, Larry Smith, and John Abbott about their interest in serving on the commission. Chris Murphy was unable to contact the above listed individuals.

## 4.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS – NEW BUSINESS

### 4.1 Article 3

The Commission discussed Article 3 and voted 4-0-1 to make the following changes to Article 3

- Section 301 – Add (5) after the written five
- Section 302.3 – Add to the last line voters *of Ogunquit*
- Section 304.1 – Change annual Town Meeting to *Annual Town Meeting*
- The Commission discussed adding the word *Select* in this section and anywhere within the current Charter that Board is mentioned. This change is a document wide change to allow for consistency when referring to the Select Board.
- Section 308.2.3 – Remove the following: *Otherwise, members in attendance will vote in one of the following responses, in favor, against or present. A member voting present will be considered part of the quorum. Change present to abstention.* The Commission discussed these changes. Cindy Douglass felt that the Select Board should be required to either vote for/against or to abstain. The ability to vote present, she felt, was inappropriate. The Commission voted 4-0-1 to make this change.
- Section 308.2.4 Remove – leave the room, add move to the public section area. Chris Murphy brought this issue forward to the Commission. Chris explained that it seems like it is taking away someone's freedom of speech. The Commission agreed and voted 4-0-1 to make this change.
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- Section 310.2 Remove – Appointments may be removed by the Board under the provisions of Section 804 of this Charter. Chris explained this section is illegal. Appointments that are made by the Select Board must be removed by the Select Board. Section 804 of the current Charter outlines the removal by recall. Chris explained that how you enter an office is basically how you exit an office, i.e., elected – recall election, appointed – Select Board removes.

**5.0 MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – ORAL & WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – FOLLOW-UP**

The Commission stated there will be a Public Hearing on December 29, 2015 at 6:00pm to obtain public interest and support.

**6.0 ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm by a vote of 4-0-1

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Douglass  
Secretary