

Approved: 11/18/2015

Charter Review Committee
Town of Jamestown, Rhode Island
Minutes of the November 4, 2015 Meeting

The meeting of the Jamestown Charter Review Committee was held at the Jamestown Town Hall, in the Rosamond A. Tefft Council Chambers, 93 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, RI. The Committee Chairman, Arlene Petit, called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

I. ROLL CALL

The Chairman called the roll and noted the following members were present (4:31 PM):

Arlene D. Petit, Chairman
James Rugh, Co-Chairman
Anthony Antine
Blake A. Dickinson
John Pagano
Mary Lou Sanborn
Edward Gromada, Secretary

Mary E. Meagher was absent.

II. MINUTES

Mary Lou Sanborn suggested changes to the Minutes especially in Section 418. She indicated adding the words "emergency medical services" to the first paragraph. In sub -para 2, she indicated the elimination of the word "fire" next to the word "apparatus." She also mentioned that Section 423 had no revisions necessary. All these changes were incorporated into the minutes.

A motion was made by Jim Rugh and seconded by John Pagano to accept the minutes from the meeting of October 28, 2015. Tony Antine, Blake Dickinson, Ed Gromada, John Pagano, Jim Rugh and Mary Lou Sanborn voted in favor of the motion. Time of motion 4:35 PM.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- A) The following Sections were reviewed by the Committee:
- a. Section 401: sent to the solicitor for review
 - b. Section 405: was changed by a vote on October 28, 2015
 - c. Section 406: was changed by a vote on October 14, 2015, however a second change was proposed on November 4, 2015
 - d. Section 422: will be reviewed at the November 18, 2015 meeting

Section III, Old Business concluded at 4:39 PM.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A) The following Sections were reviewed by the Committee:
- a. Section 502. Had no revisions necessary
 - b. Section 503. Jim Rugh proposed a wording change as follows: "Any vacancy in the membership of the school committee shall be filled by the town council by the next highest vote getter from the most recent election and so on until someone fills the vacancy until the next regular town election, when the office shall be filled for the unexpired term thereof. Should there be no next higher vote getter or if none of the vote getters be willing to serve then the council shall appoint a member, pursuant to the laws of the State of Rhode Island." Jim made a motion to accept the changes and Mary Lou Sanborn seconded the motion. Antony Antine, Blake Dickinson, Ed Gromada, John Pagano, Jim Rugh, Arlene Petit and Mary Lou Sanborn voted in favor of the motion. Time of the moron was 4:45 PM.
 - c. Section 505. Had no revisions necessary
- Ed Gromada left the meeting at 4:50 PM.
- d. Section 506. The wording of this section as regards to the "recommendation of the superintendent" is in disagreement/conflict with Section 507 – Appointments and Removals. Mary Lou Sanborn will review the Jamestown School Committee policies for wording. This section will be included as part of the November 18th agenda.
 - e. Section 507. The wording of this section as regards to the "recommendation of the superintendent" is in disagreement with Section 506 – Powers and Duties. Mary Lou Sanborn will review the Jamestown School Committee policies for wording. This section will be included as part of the November 18th agenda.
 - f. Section 508. Discussion took place regarding the reserve funds the school committee retain at the end of the fiscal year. The school committee has been retaining end of year funds in an undesignated fund balance that has grown significantly over the years. Can this amount be capped? Blake Dickinson will speak with the Town Solicitor regarding this issue. This section will be included as part of the November 18th agenda.
 - g. Section 509. Discussion took place regarding the proper wording of this section because the school committee is first responsible for the care and maintenance of

the school buildings but can solicit help from the Department of Public Works. Jim Rugh will speak with Andy Nota regarding the correct wording for this section.

- h. Section 601. This section is governed by the Rhode Island General Laws. The current Jamestown charter indicates this section was written in 1956. Mary Lou Sanborn will review the Rhode Island General Law to determine if the wording is still current.
- i. Sections 602. This section is governed by the Rhode Island General Laws. The current Jamestown charter indicates this section was written in 1956. Mary Lou Sanborn will review the Rhode Island General Law to determine if the wording is still current.

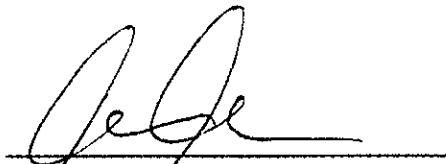
B) For the next meeting, the Committee will consider:

- a. Reviewing Article VII, VIII and X.

Section IV, New Business concluded at 5:32PM.

V. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jim Rugh, and seconded by Blake Dickinson to adjourn the meeting. Anthony Antine, Blake Dickinson, John Pagano, Jim Rugh, Arlene Petit and Mary Lou Sanborn voted in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:38 PM.



Secretary