

Approved: 12/2/2015

Charter Review Committee
Town of Jamestown, Rhode Island
Minutes of the November 18, 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 4:34 PM.

I. ROLL CALL

The Chairman called the roll and noted the following members were present (4:35 PM):

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

Mary E. Meagher and Anthony Antine were absent.

II. MINUTES

A motion was made by Jim Rugh and seconded by John Pagano to accept the minutes from the meeting of November 4, 2015. Blake Dickinson, Ed Gromada, John Pagano, Arlene Petit, Jim Rugh and Mary Lou Sanborn voted in favor of the motion. Time of motion 4:38 PM.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A) The following Sections were reviewed by the Committee:

- a. Section 406. The committee reviewed a change to this Section on October 14, 2015 and determined that a further revision was necessary. A motion was made by Ed Gromada and seconded by Jim Rugh the change the last sentence of October 14, 2015 which stated "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" to a revised Section that now reads ""There shall be a town moderator, who shall be elected at the regular town election and shall have those powers and perform those duties prescribed now or in the future by the constitution and laws of the state not inconsistent with this Charter. ~~In the event~~

~~that the office of the town moderator becomes vacant during the term of office, the next highest vote getter from the most recent election shall be elevated to serve until a replacement is found.~~ In the event the office of the town moderator becomes vacant during the term of office, the Town Council will appoint a replacement until the next regularly scheduled election.” Blake Dickinson, Ed Gromada, John Pagano, Arlene Petit, Jim Rugh and Mary Lou Sanborn voted in favor of the motion. Time of motion 4:48 PM.

- b. Section 422. This Section will be reviewed at the December 2, 2015 meeting. Mary Meagher will research this section.
- c. Section 501. This Section will be reviewed at the December 2, 2015 meeting. Mary Lou Snaborn will research this section.
- d. Section 506. A motion was made by Jim Rugh and seconded by Blake Dickinson to reference State Law in this section. That motion was then rescinded, first by Jim Rugh and then by Blake Dickinson.

The Committee decided to refer the matter to the Town Solicitor to determine whether the Committee can editorially include a State Law reference to this Section. And if so, can this be done on a consistent basis in other Sections, as necessary.

- e. Section 507. Had no revisions necessary
- f. Section 508. Had no revisions necessary
- g. Section 509. Had no revisions necessary
- h. Section 601. Had no revisions necessary
- i. Section 602. Had no revisions necessary
- j. A point of order was made by Blake Dickinson, as stated in the Minutes of August 26, 2015, Section III (New Business), para A: “The Committee also agreed to defer voting for two weeks on specific Sections of the Charter. The two week hiatus would allow members to better understand the impact of specific Sections.”

As a result of a procedural error on October 28, 2015, votes taken on Sections 417 to 423 did not receive the two week time allotment. Therefore, the Committee will revisit all motions to Sections 417 to 423 at its December 2, 2015 meeting.

Section III, Old Business concluded at 5:10PM.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A) The following Sections were reviewed by the Committee:

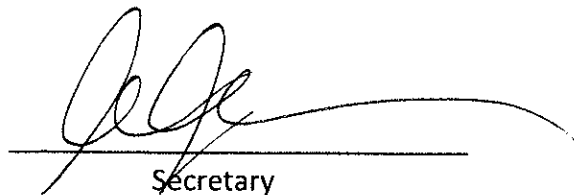
- a. Section 701. Had no revisions necessary
- b. Section 702. Had no revisions necessary
- c. Section 703. Had no revisions necessary
- d. Section 704. This Section is carried over to December 2, 2015. Jim Rugh will review RI General Law for this section.

- e. Section 705. This Section is carried over to December 2, 2015. Jim Rugh will review RI General Law for this section.
 - f. Section 706. This Section is carried over to December 2, 2015. Jim Rugh will review RI General Law for this section.
 - g. Section 707. This Section is carried over to December 2, 2015. Jim Rugh will review RI General Law for this section.
 - h. Section 708. This Section is carried over to December 2, 2015. Jim Rugh will review RI General Law for this section.
 - i. Section 709. This Section is carried over to December 2, 2015. Jim Rugh will review RI General Law for this section.
 - j. Section 710. This Section is carried over to December 2, 2015. Jim Rugh will review RI General Law for this section.
 - k. Section 711. Had no revisions necessary
 - l. Section 801. Had no revisions necessary
 - m. Section 802. Had no revisions necessary
 - n. Section 805. This Section is carried over to December 2, 2015.
 - o. Section 806. Had no revisions necessary
 - p. Section 1001. This Section is carried over to December 2, 2015.
 - q. Section 1002. This Section is carried over to December 2, 2015.
 - r. Section 1003. Had no revisions necessary
- B) For the next meeting, the Committee will consider:
- a. Reviewing Article XI, XII and XIII
 - b. The next meeting will be held on December 2, 2015

Section IV, New Business concluded at 5:58PM.

V. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jim Rugh, and seconded by Blake Dickinson to adjourn the meeting. , Blake Dickinson, Edward Gromada, John Pagano, Jim Rugh, Arlene Petit and Mary Lou Sanborn voted in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.



Secretary