

Approved: 12/16/2015

Charter Review Committee
Town of Jamestown, Rhode Island
Minutes of the December 2, 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 4:31 PM.

I. ROLL CALL

The Chairman called the roll and noted the following members were present (4:32 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 (Ex Officio Member)

II. MINUTES

A motion was made by Jim Rugh and seconded by Mary Lou Sanborn to accept the minutes *As Amended* from the meeting of November 18, 2015. Tony Antine, Blake Dickinson, Ed Gromada, John Pagano, Arlene Petit, Jim Rugh and Mary Lou Sanborn voted in favor of the motion. Time of motion 4:46 PM

III. OLD BUSINESS

- A) The following Sections were reviewed by the Committee:
 - a. Section 417. The original changes made to this Section of October 28, 2015 were rescinded. A discussion on the Section ensued and the Committee decided that the Section had no revisions necessary.
 - b. Section 418. The original changes made to this Section of October 28, 2015 were rescinded. A discussion ensued regarding the wording of this Section as it relates to the Fire and Emergency Management Services Department. Blake Dickinson will rewrite the entire Section for the December 16, 2015 meeting based on the suggestions from various Charter Review members.
 - c. Section 419. The original changes made to this Section of October 28, 2015 were rescinded. A motion was made by Mary Lou Sanborn and seconded by John Pagano

to change the wording in the second sentence of this Section to read "The finance director shall be nominated by the town administrator and appointed with the approval of the town council." Mary Lou Sanborn and John Pagano voted in favor of the motion. Tony Antine, Blake Dickinson, Ed Gromada, Arlene Petit and Jim Rugh voted against the motion. The motion did not carry (5:15 PM).

With no wording changes, this Section had no revisions necessary.

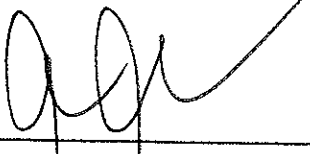
- d. Section 421. The original changes made to this Section of October 28, 2015 were rescinded. A motion was made by Jim Rugh and seconded by Ed Gromada to change the wording in the first sentence of this Section to read "There may be a town planner with qualifications and broad experience in town planning nominated by the town administrator with the approval of the town council." Ed Gromada, John Pagano, Arlene Petit, Jim Rugh and Mary Lou Sanborn voted in favor of the motion. Tony Antine and Blake Dickinson voted against of the motion. The motion carried (5:35 PM).
- e. Section 422. This Section will be reviewed at the December 16, 2015 meeting. Mary Meagher will research this section.
- f. Section 501. Mary Lou Sanborn reported back to the Committee and the Committee discussed the matter and had no revisions necessary to this Section.
- g. Section 506. Had no revisions necessary.
- h. Section 704. Had no revisions necessary.
- i. Section 805. A motion was made by Blake Dickinson and seconded by Jim Rugh to change the wording of this Section to read "For the purposes of this charter, volunteer firefighters, volunteer emergency medical services members~~ambulance members~~, town constables, and members of the special police shall not be considered elected or appointed officials of town government nor as town employees." Tony Antine, Blake Dickinson, Ed Gromada, John Pagano, Arlene Petit, Jim Rugh and Mary Lou Sanborn voted in favor of the motion (5:53 PM).

IV. NEW BUSINESS

The New Business items appearing on the Agenda have been carried over to the December 16, 2015 meeting (5:54 PM).

V. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jim Rugh, and seconded by Mary Lou Sanborn to adjourn the meeting. Anthony Antine, Blake Dickinson, Edward Gromada, John Pagano, Jim Rugh, Arlene Petit and Mary Lou Sanborn voted in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.



Secretary