

Approved: 2/10/2016

Charter Review Committee  
Town of Jamestown, Rhode Island

Minutes of the January 27 , 2016 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 4:35 PM.

**I. ROLL CALL**

The Chairman called the roll and noted the following members were present:

Arlene D. Petit: Chair, James Rugh: Co-Chair, Blake A. Dickinson, John Pagano, Mary E. Meagher (Ex Officio Member)

The following members were absent :

Anthony Antine, Mary Lou Sanborn, Edward Gromada.

Mary Meagher took minutes.

**II. MINUTES**

A motion was made by Jim Rugh and seconded by John Pagano to accept the minutes from the meeting of January 13,2016. Blake Dickinson, John Pagano, Arlene Petit, and Jim voted in favor of the motion. Time of motion 4:42 PM.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

A 1) The following Sections were reviewed by the Committee. Ed had kindly provided a record of changes and status of review to date for our reference. ( See attached)

- a. Section 412. Arlene asked if there were any concerns, John noted it had to comply with state law. Consensus: no change
  - b. Section 418. Was rewritten at the last meeting.
  - c. Section 422: Consensus to wait until Mary Lou returns, put on 2/10/16 agenda
- 1) a. Section 506: Will be referred to Town Solicitor
  - 2) a. Sections 704-710: Consensus question if state law should be referenced, ask solicitor
  - 3) a. Section 1002: Consensus to put it on 2/10/16 agenda when more members will be present.
  - 4) a. Sections 1101-1106: Consensus to put it on 2/10/16 agenda when more members will be present.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS: A

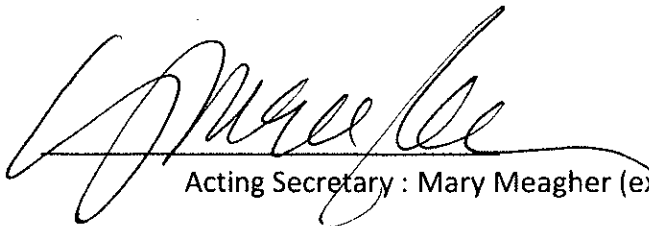
- 1) The following Sections were reviewed by the Committee:
  - a. Section 206: Consensus approval
  - b. Section 211: Refer to Town solicitor
  - c. Section 216: Consensus to add website. Section 1202. Had no revisions necessary.
  - d. Section 220: Doesn't address financial referenda, a form of this section could go to financial section. Consensus to continue review
  
- 2) a. Section 301: Consensus that previously agreed upon language should be added
- 3) a. Section 401: Consensus is no changes are necessary
  - b. Section 402: Consensus is to eliminate "with annual consent of the Town Council"
  - c. Section 404: Consensus add: "training and experience."
  - d. Section 405: Consensus agree to changes
  - e. Section 406: Consensus agree to changes
  - f. Section 418: Consensus agree to changes
  - g. Section 419: Consensus question if we put in "qualifications etc" in this section do we put it in all of them?
  - h. Section 421: Arlene suggested that "shall" should replace "may," consensus of group to keep "may." Consensus to add "qualifications and broad experience" as previously discussed .
- 4) a. 503 : Consensus agree to changes.
- 5) a. 805 : Consensus agrees to changes but Blake asks how we refer to firefighters and EMS workers who are not strictly volunteers. Consensus: refer to solicitor.  
Other highlighted sections to be reviewed by solicitor.  
Blake requested that Section 417 be placed on 2/10/16 agenda

**B. Arlene will request an extension of time due to vacation plans of Charter Review Committee members, hopes to have Charter Review final report in May.**

**C. Next meeting February 10 @ 4:30.**

#### V. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by John Pagano, and seconded by Blake Dickinson to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:37 PM.



Acting Secretary : Mary Meagher (ex officio member)