

**Charter Revision Commission  
Regular Meeting  
April 19, 2012  
Municipal Center – Room 302**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Daphne Adams, Robert Berube, Robert Cornish, Jo Rosinski, John Gasparini, William Brayne, Robert Michalic

**Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Robert Lee, Town Manager; Jonathan Chomick, Town Attorney; Kelly LePage, Transcriber

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chairman Cornish.

**2. Meeting Minutes**

**Motion to approve meeting minutes from April 5, 2012 organizational meeting: Ms. Adams**

**Second by: Mr. Michalic**

**All in Favor 7, All Opposed 0, Motion passed unanimously**

**3. Correspondence**

No new correspondence

**4. Old Business**

Tabled Items

Compensation (Town Council)

The Town Manager provided a brief report of CCM's list of local elected official compensation as a reference. Chairman Cornish also shared Manchester's Charter revision on compensation. Town Attorney gave information on other towns in which do not compensate their Town Councils.

**Motion to take it off the table by Mr. Berube**

**Second by Mr. Gasparini**

**All in favor 7, All opposed 0, Motion passed unanimously**

A discussion followed about compensation for the Town Council. A committee member suggested that due to the economic times, and the fact that the BOE cannot receive compensation, the Charter should remain the same and no compensation should be given to the Town Council. Another member suggested at least \$1,000 in compensation per Town Council member per year.

**Motion to amend the Charter to compensate each member of the Town Council  
with \$1,000 by Mr. Berube  
Second by Mr. Michalic  
All in favor 6, All opposed 1**

It was then clarified that they would still receive stipends for their expenses. A discussion continued to determine if it should be written in the Charter that in order to receive compensation, the members must be required to attend a certain number of meetings. It was determined to be unnecessary.

Investigation

Item will remain tabled while waiting for language.

Purchasing

Item will remain tabled while waiting for language.

Payment of Claims

Item will remain tabled while waiting for language.

The Classified Service

Item will remain tabled while waiting for language.

Procedure

Item will remain tabled while waiting for language.

Contributions

Item will remain tabled while waiting for language.

Legal Proceedings

Item will remain tabled while waiting for language.

Existing Laws and Ordinances

Item will remain tabled while waiting for language.

Budget Process and All Day Vote

**Motion to take it off the table by Mr. Gasparini**

**Second by Ms. Adams**

**All in favor 7, All opposed 0, Motion passed unanimously**

The Town Manager reported on the budget history in Plainville dating back to 2001. The last Town Meeting was in 2004 and the all day vote began in 2005. The only all day vote that included an advisory question was in 2006. A discussion followed about the change in the budget throughout the year.

It was agreed that the third vote does not seem to be significant because the budget gets passed regardless of the outcome. A discussion followed about the possibility of either eliminating the third vote or allowing a budget change after the third vote. It was decided to eliminate the third vote and to have the Town Council set the budget after the results of the second vote.

The commission also discussed the two options of petitioning and the automatic vote. It was decided to keep the automatic vote. It was then proposed to have two separate votes, one for the town and one for the Board of Education. Each vote would have an advisory question about whether the budget is too high or too low. If the budget does not pass, although they can decide the amount, the Town Council will then be required to follow the direction of the advisory question results.

**Motion on the intent to change the Budget and All Day Vote in the Charter to reflect an automatic vote, two budgets (Town and BOE) with advisory questions, and eliminating the third vote by Mr. Michalic**

**Second by Ms. Rosinski**

**All in favor 7, All opposed 0, Motion passed unanimously**

**5. Adjournment**

**Motion to adjourn by Mr. Michalic**

**Second by Mr. Gasparini**

**All in favor 7, All opposed 0, Motion passed unanimously**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.**

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*Cara A Skudety*  
**TOWN CLERK**

**APPROVED**