

# **MINUTES**

## **CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING**

**September 9, 2015**

**Station One**

**7 Union Street**

**Westerly, RI 02891**

**A meeting of the Charter Review Committee was held on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at the Westerly Fire Department, Station One, 7 Union Street, Westerly RI. Committee members in attendance were Chief John Mackay, Asst. Chief Joseph Fusaro Jr., Jon Babcock, Atty. Michael Lynch, Steven Greene, Dr. Adam Kaufman and William Palmer. Absent were Asst. Chief Kevin Morrone, Asst. Chief Louis Trebisacci, and Jamie Silvestri.**

**Motion made by Stephen Greene, seconded by Jon Babcock to approve the Minutes of the July 1, 2015 and August 5, 2015 meetings. Motion passed unanimously, 6-0.**

**Chief Mackay asked if Department Officers had to be added to the charter. Atty. Lynch stated the setup and operation of the fire department was covered under the powers of the Board of Engineers.**

**Stephen Greene asked if specific language was needed under the duties of the Treasurer and Tax Collector to comply with current RI Law. Atty. Lynch suggested the addition of the phrase follow all**

**applicable state laws so we would not need to constantly change the charter when state law was changed.**

**Chief Mackay asked if the boundaries of the district should be changed to more readily identify them. Atty. Lynch stated the language currently in the charter would allow experts to delineate the boundaries of the bordering fire districts.**

**Stephen Greene asked if the language would be inserted to not allow a person to hold more than one office as it related to the Moderator, Treasurer, Tax Collector, and Clerk. Atty. Lynch stated that change would be proposed when presented to the taxpayers.**

**Agenda for the next meeting which will be October, 2015 at 7:00 pm at Station 1:**

**Establish Quorum;**

**Approval of the Minutes of the September 9, 2015 meeting;**

**Review of Westerly Fire District Charter.**

**Finalize Proposed Changes.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**2nd Assistant Chief Joseph Fusaro**