

Town of North Smithfield
Charter Review Commission

On November 2, 2009, the N.S. Town Council made a motion and voted unanimously to establish a Charter Review Commission subject to the following:

1. Seven members
2. Charged with the following:
 - A. Review reports of two prior review commissions over the last ten years
 - B. Review current charter to determine what revisions if any should be presented to the Town Council
 - C. Prepare two copies of its recommendations and report on changes to the charter for presentation to the Town Council (one revision copy and one clean copy)
3. Commission shall only be an advisory commission
4. Commission shall establish its own rules for schedules and governing
5. Recommendations and reports shall be presented to the Town Council at its regular meeting in March 2010 (The Review Commission interpreted this to mean the third Monday in March)

Meeting #1: North Smithfield Charter Review Committee

Date: Wednesday, January 6, 2010

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Place: North Smithfield Public Library

Members:	Michael Clifford	Alfred Puccetti
	Francesca Johannis	Linda Thibault
	Kenneth Murphy	Jason Tiner
		John Wojcik

Minutes:

At 6:30 P.M. Linda Thibault called the meeting to order.

Roll Call:

Present - Clifford, Murphy, Puccetti, Thibault, Tiner, Wojcik
Absent - Johannis

Election of officers was the first order of business.

Jason Tiner was nominated by Michael Clifford to be chairperson. Motion was seconded by Kenneth Murphy.

Kenneth Murphy was nominated by Jason Tiner to be vice chairperson. Motion was seconded by Al Puccetti.

John Wojcik was nominated by Mike Clifford to be recording secretary. Motion was seconded by Jason Tiner.

All nominations were accepted and the votes were unanimous.

The members of the review commission then discussed the "Charge to the Commission." Discussion centered around previous recommendations and what the results were. Specifics included why certain past recommendations may not have been acted upon. The commission agreed that the deadline imposed by the Town Council for a final report was the third Monday in March.

The commission hoped that their efforts would be of value and all pledged to work accordingly. To this end the new Chairperson Jason Tiner requested that all members review and study Charter Articles I - IV and the previous revision recommendations of these sections for the next meeting. Members are to prepare new recommendations and discuss their results at the next meeting of the commission. Members shared e-mail addresses.

The meeting schedule for the commission was discussed and tentatively set for alternate Mondays and Thursdays. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 21, 2010, at the N.S. Public Library at 6:00 P.M.

Motion to adjourn at 7:35 P.M. made by Puccetti, seconded by Clifford.

Officers elected:

Chairperson	Jason Tiner
Vice Chairperson	Kenneth Murphy
(Minutes submitted by)	
Recording Secretary	John Wojcik