

**NORTH SMITHFIELD**

**CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION**

**October 3, 2016**

**HALLIWELL MEMORIAL SCHOOL**

**CAFETERIA**

**7:00 PM**

**Minutes**

**CRC meeting with Town Council at Town Council Meeting**

**Larry Forti not present – all other CRC members present**

**Paul Vadenais spoke before the Town Council and asked for suggestions regarding potential changes to the town charter in the areas related to the town council – Article IV.**

**Discussion regarding potential charter revisions – Article IV**

**Ratification of collective bargaining agreements by TC – Boucher asked if principal contracts should be subject to same rule. Paul replied that admin contracts are done with Superintendent – Boucher is looking to have an additional line added for administrative contracts including superintendent & building principals**

**Per solicitor – this would have to go before the voters, be approved by general assembly**

**Mr. Boucher made motion for CRC to research other communities regarding town councils ratifying all contracts as he mentioned.**

**Mr. Boucher Section 8, (24) – wondered about the rationale behind**

**this – thought we had written this!**

**Paul referred to the ambiguity in the charter regarding whose responsibility it is to decide on spending**

**Mr. Soly – Vacancies – asked us to revisit this process and the procedures –shows up in multiple places in the charter**

**Paul Zwolenski – gender specific language – can we clean that up?**

**Town Meeting Section VIII – words “town meeting” appear here –**

**Paul V said we would look at this to clarify if it is a problem.**