

Warren Charter Commission

Minutes for Monday April 18, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

Commissioners in attendance: Andre Asselin, Ely Barkett, Julie Blount, Judy Fardig, Erin Kopecky, Jane MacDougall and Tara Thibaudeau.

The Charter Commission reviewed and made corrections to Article IX (Director of Planning and Community Development), Article X (Department of Public Works), Article XI (Public Safety), and Article XIII (Other Town Officials).

Article IX, Director of Planning and Community Development:

Section 9.02 Changed qualification to read: “five (5) years of professional experience, AICP (American Planning Association) is not required, but highly preferred.”

Section 9.03 Omit “preparation and” and replace “federal and state” grants with “all” grants.

Article X, Department of Public Works:

Section 10.03 Changed qualifications to read: The Director of Public Works shall have a minimum of three (3) years’ municipal public works supervisory experience. A degree in Civil Engineering is preferred.

Section 10.04(1) Add: street lighting, sidewalks and historic

cemeteries.

Add (7): Supervise the operation of the Senior Shuttle.

Section 10.05 Add “general” laws of Rhode Island. Delete “The Director of Public Works may be the Tree Warden”.

Article XI, Public Safety:

Section 11.01 Delete last sentence: “Said department may be organized into said divisions as shall be from time to time required by the Town Council.”

Section 11.03 Replace “patrolman” with “sargent”.

Add stipulation on full duty.

Section 11.07 Change title to read “Fire and Rescue Department”

Description should read: “There shall be a Fire and Rescue Department, the head of which shall be the Fire Chief.

Section 11.08 Add stipulation on full duty.

Section 11.11 Delete second sentence.

Section 11.12 Replace title with “Board of Fire Engineers”.

Segregate Board of Fire Engineers from Assistant Fire Chiefs Section 11.11 and place in Section 11.12. Add, “Each member of Fire Engineers to be chosen by the company membership. The Fire Chief or designee shall be head of the Board of Engineers.”

Section 11.15 Add Section 11.15 Emergency Medical Services

Section reads, The charter in no way shall prevent the Town Council and the Town Manager from organizing the Rescue into a career department.

Article XIII Move Section 5.08 Tax Assessor to Section 5.14 Right of Appeal to Article XIII Other Town Officials creating new section 13.08.

A motion was made by Andy Asselin with a second by Erin Kopecky to accept the 4/11/16

minutes as amended to include change made to section 18.19 stating town seal should be visible within 25 feet. The vote was unanimous.

A motion to adjourn was made by Tara Thibaudeau with a second by Erin Kopecky. The motion passed with all in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10.

Respectfully submitted by Julie Blount, Charter Chair