

Meeting Minutes, West Warwick Charter Review Commission

Monday, January 4, 2010 6:30PM

Place: Town Council Chambers, Town Hall

1170 Main Street West Warwick, RI

- A. Meeting called to order by Commission Chairman Henseler at 6:30PM**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance**
- C. Roll Call-**

Members present:

- Felix Appolonia
- Mark Bourget
- Giovanni Calise
- Joseph Gardosik
- Sean Henseler
- Frank Parente, Sr
- Barbara Tabak
- Brian Tucker

Member Absent:

- Ronald Nunes

Secretary determines a quorum on record. No audience present. 2 Invited guests present: Councilman Ed Giroux and Councilman Peter Calci. (Councilwoman Phyllis Gustafson invited but did not attend.)

- D. Motion made by Vice Chairman Calise to waive the reading of the previous meeting minutes. Motion second by Joseph Gardosik. Motion carried by unanimous vote**
- E. Motion made by Secretary Tucker to approve the previous meeting minutes. Second by Mark Bourget. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**
- F. Motion made by Chairman Henseler to have guest speakers present "5 Top Changes" to Charter before questions from Committee. Second by Secretary Tucker. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**
- G. Guest Speakers:**

Councilman Ed Giroux- Top recommended changes to Charter;

- **Increase current \$400.00 no-bid amount to \$1,500-\$2,000 for efficiency**

- **Create a formal contract for professionals such as Police and Fire Chiefs**
- **Change Charter to a simple majority vote to terminate Town Manager and Town Clerk**
- **Recommends mayoral form of government**
- **Recommends Town Council have final approval of school contracts**
- **Create a “Storm Drain Enterprise Fund” with a small tax levy to be used only to improve town infrastructure**

Councilman Peter Calci- Top recommended changes to Charter:

- **Recommends (2) new at-large Council members with 4-year terms to create a 7 member Council**
- **Recommends Charter plan ahead to consolidate Municipal and School Committee financial records into one set of books**
- **Eliminate Tax Collector position in Charter but require a Town Planner position**

H. Commission discussion of guests comments and recommendations

- I. Commission agrees that due to time constraints of this meeting, next meeting will include discussion of Charter Articles 1-4 with each Commission member set to make arguments on each. Agenda agreed on for next meeting with no invitations to guest speakers.**
- J. Motion to adjourn by Secretary Tucker. Motion second by Mark Bourget. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.**