

**Meeting Minutes, West Warwick Charter Review Commission**  
**Friday, April 16, 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 6:35PM**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance**
- C. Roll Call-**

**Members present:**

<b>Sean Henseler</b>	<b>Giovanni Calise</b>
<b>Brian Tucker</b>	<b>Frank Parente, Sr.</b>
<b>Mark Bourget</b>	<b>Felix Appolonia</b>

**Member Late:**

**Joseph Gardosik**

**Members absent:**

<b>Ronald Nunes</b>	<b>Barbara Tabak</b>
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**D. Secretary determines a quorum is present. No audience members present. Guest speaker Lincoln School Committee Member Mary Ann Roll present. West Warwick School Committee President Lindagay Palazzo unable to attend. No audience members present at start of meeting. Note from Secretary Tucker to Commission that previous meeting minutes contain no new motions and as such the running list of recommended changes to Charter is unchanged.**

**E. Motion made by Felix Appolonia to waive to reading of the previous meeting minutes. Motion second by Vice-Chair Calise. Motion carries by unanimous vote.**

**F. Motion made by Felix Appolonia to accept previous meeting minutes. Motion second by Mark Bourget. Motion carries by unanimous vote.**

**G. Chairman Henseler review of old business.**

**H. Guest Speaker Mary Ann Roll- Lincoln School Committee. Commission Members asked Ms. Roll questions regarding the way that the Lincoln School system is managed. Below are her answers/views:**

- **The Town of Lincoln has an approximate population of 22,000 persons and has a School Committee of (5) by ward and (2) at-large. Currently, Members serve a staggered 4-yr. term.**
- **It is Ms. Roll's opinion that the ward/at-large system in Lincoln works well and that the Town Council should not be involved with School Committee negotiations but does believe a representative of the town should be present during negotiations.**
- **At this time School Committee Members do not have any required professional training but recommends all School Committee Members be trained in union negotiations and receive other personal development training with RIASC.**

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- Lincoln School Committee gives its budget figures to a Budget Board which in turn presents an amended budget at town financial meeting. Board is advisory in capacity only. Ms. Roll noted that the School Committee has not overspent its budget in her time as a member.
- She states that staff co-pays for health insurance are the highest potential budget savings for future union negotiations.
- Recommend that all towns work in conjunction with RIASC on a collaborative effort for School Committee member development.

**I. Next Charter Commission meeting is on April 28, 2010. Invited guests include West Warwick School Committee Chairperson Lindagay Palazzo, West Warwick School Superintendant and other School Committee Members.**

**J. Public comment:**

- Town Councilman Peter Calci stated his opinion that he is not opposed to the School Committee taking on the responsibility of taxation for the school budget from the Town Council.

**K. Committee Member discussion of guest and public views.**

**L. Motion to adjourn by Secretary Tucker, second by Vice-Chair Calise. Motion carries by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 8:25PM.**