

A meeting of the Charter Commission was held on Monday, July 31, 2017 in the Town Council Chambers, 195 Danielson Pike, N. Scituate, RI. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Michael Marcello, Chair.

Members Present: Michael Marcello, Sharon Johnson, Susan Lessard, Sacha Hummel

David Campbell, Vincent Ferrera, Ellis Hopkins III

The meeting began with a brief introduction of the members not present at the first meeting.

Motion made by Chair Marcello, seconded by Sacha Hummel, and voted to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2017 meeting.

Motion made by David Campbell, seconded by Sharon Johnson and voted to approve the following dates for future meetings: August 21, 2017, August 28, 2017, September 11, 2017, September 25, 2017, October 2, 2017, October 23, 2017, November 6, 2017, November 27, 2017

Chair Marcello asked committee members if they are interested in serving as a committee officer to let him know.

Chair Marcello discussed the Synopsis he prepared of the 1915, Chapter 1321 law that the Town is currently operating under.

Members discussed different types of government and options they can explore to determine the best fit for the Town. The summary of Municipal Charters in Rhode Island will be provided to members at the next meeting. Chair Marcello will draft a letter to former Town Council Presidents asking them to attend the next meeting

Rob Bower, 21 Set N Sun Drive, asked members to keep in mind the uniqueness of the Town.

Michael Scanlon, North Road said he feels we need a Town Manager to handle day to day operations.

Member Lessard said we need to work on including everyone in the Town. She also said we need to determine what the definition of a Town Manager would be.

Council Vice President Payette thanked the members for serving on this committee. He also stated he feels the Town needs a Town Manager, he said he has been filling that role and it is a lot of work.

Members affirmed the next meeting will be August 21, 2017.

Motion made by Sharon Johnson, seconded by Ellis Hopkins, and voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm.

Attest:

Gloria Taylor, Clerk

Refer to recording for complete discussion