

**A meeting of the Charter Commission was held on Monday, October 23, 2017 in the High School auditorium, 94 Trimtown Road, 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, Ellis Hopkins III**

**Members Absent: Vincent Ferrara**

**Motion made by Sacha Hummel, seconded by Ellis Hopkins and voted to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2017 and October 2, 2017 meetings.**

**Chair Marcello gave an overview of the commissions charge and activity to date. He then gave a presentation on a legislative charter. (attached)**

**After the presentation, Chair Marcello opened the meeting up to members of the audience for questions.**

**Mary Morse asked about the amendment process. Chair Marcello explained amendments would go before the voters.**

**Chair Marcello explained the difference between a Home Rule Charter and a Legislative Charter.**

**Members in the audience asked questions about having districts for**

**Town Council. Commission members and audience members discussed the value of having districts for Town Council as well as running at large. Other topics discussed were having a recall provision, staggered terms, and the need for a Town Administrator.**

**Member Sharon Johnson gave a presentation on Finance (see attached).**

**Chair Marcello explained the commissions next step would be to start drafting language based on public input and create a document to work from. He is hoping the public will give more input going forward.**

**The next meeting will be November 6, 2017 at Town Hall. Susan Lessard will give a presentation on School Committee.**

**Motion made by David Campbell, seconded by Ellis Hopkins, and voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm.**

**Attest:**

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**Gloria Taylor, Clerk**

**Refer to recording for complete discussion**