

A meeting of the Charter Commission was held on Monday, November 27, 2017 at the Claysville Elementary School, 3 George Washington Hwy., 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 Ferrara arrived at 7:50 pm

Members Absent: Ellis Hopkins III

Motion made by Sacha Hummel, seconded by David Campbell and voted to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2017 meeting.

Motion passes

Chair Marcello gave a presentation on a legislative charter and an overview of the committees work to date.

Chair Marcello opened the meeting up to the audience for questions. An audience member asked the chair to explain the difference between a Home Rule and Legislative Charter.

Chair Marcello explained the amendment process is the same for Home Rule and Legislative.

Discussion continued about term limits and districts for town council.

David Campbell researched other city and town qualification requirements for a town manager. Twenty-two city/towns do have

minimum qualifications, most do require a bachelor's degree, a number also require a masters degree in public administration. Members discussed qualifications and types of authority a town manager may have. An audience member suggested a search committee to help find the best qualified person for the position. Vincent Ferrara would like to consider requiring a two- year review of the charter to make changes deemed necessary. An audience member stated as a state official he sees a difference in quality with towns with a town manager. He said towns need a contact, a central advocate, and someone experienced with partnering.

More discussion continued.

No votes were taken regarding town manager qualifications.

Review of Town Clerk position will be deferred to another meeting.

The next meeting will be on December 11, 2017 at Town Hall.

Motion made by Sacha Hummel seconded by Vincent Ferrara, and voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm.

Attest:

Gloria Taylor, Clerk

Refer to recording for complete discussion