

**A meeting of the Charter Commission was held on Monday, January 29, 2018, at Town Council Chambers, 195 Danielson Pike, Scituate, RI. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Michael Marcello, Chair.**

**Members Present: Sharon Johnson, Susan Lessard, Sacha Hummel, Michael Marcello, David Campbell, Ellis Hopkins**

**Members Absent: Vincent Ferrara**

**Motion made by Susan Lessard, seconded by Sacha Hummel and voted to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2018 meeting, Members Hopkins and Campbell abstain, Motion passes**

**Chair Marcello said he will have a preliminary draft charter at the February 12, 2018 meeting.**

**Members discussed the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer position. D. Campbell said both positions should be appointed. S. Hummel said the current Treasurer testified that he is never here but is on the payroll. He said he has a problem with that and believes both positions should be appointed. S. Johnson agrees with appointing, she said the majority of Town Clerks are appointed.**

**Discussion continued about who would appoint the Town Clerk and Treasurer position.**

**During community participation Tom Galligan asked why they would want to take away electing town officials, he said the people should have the right to choose.**

**Brian Venditelli said when the positions are appointed, it comes down to qualifications.**

**S. Lessard said we need to vet people appropriately and they must have qualifications.**

**More discussion continued.**

**Motion made by Sacha Hummel seconded by S. Johnson and voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm.**

**Attest:**

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**Gloria Taylor, Clerk**

**Refer to recording for complete discussion**