

A meeting of the Charter Commission was held on Monday, March 19, 2018, at Town Council Chambers, 195 Danielson Pike, Scituate, RI. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Michael Marcello, Chair.

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

Chair Marcello announced the resignation of Vincent Ferrara. Ray Grigevich has been appointed to replace Mr. Ferrara.

Motion made by Sacha Hummel, seconded by David Campbell and voted to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2018 meeting. Motion passes

Members reviewed and discussed the draft charter prepared by Chair Marcello.

Motion made by S. Johnson, seconded by E. Hopkins and voted unanimously to amend Chapter 4 of the draft charter, elections for local officials will be non-partisan. Motion passes

Tom Galligan asked about filling vacancies on the town council. He feels the person next in line with votes should be able to fill the vacancy.

Steven Thacker suggestion setting a time limit to fill the vacancy.

Members discussed making the appointment within 30 days.

Members discussed the qualification requirement for a town manager. R. Grigevich suggested changing the requirement of a degree with experience. He feels the search committee should determine if the person is qualified. John Mahoney agreed. Ruth Strach suggested making the requirements more general with less experience.

More discussion continued.

Motion made by R. Grigevich, seconded by S. Hummel to change the qualification requirement for a town manager to read degree and/or experience instead of along with. Motion failed

R. Grigevich questioned the prohibition against other employment for the town manager. Dean Costakos asked the committee to consider language allowing for self-employment or consulting.

S. Lessard suggested adding an ex-officio town council member to the school committee.

Chair Marcello asked all members to draft language for suggested revisions to the draft charter and submit to the clerk by Wednesday.

Motion made by S. Lessard seconded by D. Campbell and voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:08 pm.

Attest:

Gloria Taylor, Clerk

Refer to recording for complete discussion