

A meeting of the Charter Commission was held on Monday, April 16, 2018, in Town Council Chambers, 195 Danielson Pike, Scituate, RI. The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by Michael Marcello, Chair.

**Members Present: Susan Lessard, Sacha Hummel, Michael Marcello, David Campbell, Ellis Hopkins, Ray Grigelevich
Sharon Johnson arrived at 7:20 pm**

Motion made by E. Hopkins, seconded by S. Hummel and voted to remove the line owned by the Town and from the proposed language for Eminent Domain Powers submitted by Member Campbell. All approved, motion passes.

Motion made by R. Grigelevich, seconded by D. Campbell and voted to approve the proposed language for Eminent Domain Powers as amended. All approved, motion passes.

Motion made by R. Grigelevich, seconded by E. Hopkins to approve the proposed language submitted by Chair Marcello for the Department of Senior and Human Services Qualifications with the addition of the word preferred after the word experience. All approved, motion passes.

Motion made by E. Hopkins, seconded by R. Grigelevich and voted to amend the title of Humans Services to Social Services. All approved, motion passes.

Motion made by M. Marcello, seconded by S. Hummel and voted to approve the proposed language for Recreation Director submitted by Chair Marcello with the following additions:

add will work with cultural organizations

add will work with other town boards and commissions as necessary

All approved, motion passes.

Motion made by R. Grigelevich, seconded by S. Hummel and voted to approve the proposed language submitted by Chair Marcello for Town Employment. All approved, motion passes. This language is not intended to include members of Boards and Commissions.

Motion made by D. Campbell seconded by S. Hummel and voted to approve the minutes of the April 2, 2018 Charter Commission meeting. All approved, motion passes.

Motion made by R. Grigelevich, seconded by S. Hummel and voted to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2018 Charter Commission meeting. All approved, motion passes.

Motion made by E. Hopkins to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2018 meeting, Chair Marcello asked for an amendment of the reply to Tom Galligan to read no the Town Council does not have to ability to give themselves a raise, seconded by S. Hummel. R. Grigelevich abstained from voting, all other members approved. Motion passes.

Members reviewed Draft 4 of the Charter

Motion made by R. Grigelevich, seconded by D. Campbell and voted to approve adding the phrase inconsistent with the provisions of this charter to the Previous Charters Superseded section on page 3 of Draft 4. All approved, motion passes.

Motion made by R. Grigelevich, seconded by D. Campbell and voted to approve changing the word request to require on page 8, section Agenda Items/Preparation. All approved, motion passes.

Motion made by S. Johnson, seconded by S. Hummel to amend the Search Committee section under Town Manager on page 12 to read the committee shall include at least one member of the town council, in no event shall the town council make up the majority of the committee.

**Members Grigelevich, Campbell, Hopkins, Marcello voted No
Members Johnson, Lessard, Hummel voted Yes. Motion failed**

Motion made by R. Grigelevich, seconded by D. Campbell to remove the section Prohibition Against Other Employment on page 13. Chair Marcello voted No, all others voted Yes, motion passes.

Motion made by R. Grigelevich, seconded by S. Johnson to amend the qualifications requirement for Town Manager, to strike Masters

Degree and add Bachelors Degree, with Masters Degree preferred. The purpose of the motion is to attract more candidates and be consistent with most other towns and cities in the state.

**Members Campbell, Hummel, Lessard, Marcello, Hopkins voted No
Members Grigelevich and Johnson voted Yes. Motion failed.**

Chair Marcello said they will revisit the qualifications requirement for a town manager at the next meeting.

Motion made by R. Grigelevich, seconded by M. Marcello and voted to add pay out funds by check or electronic means under Powers and Duties, item f on page 19. All approved, motion passes.

Motion made by R. Grigelevich, seconded by D. Campbell and voted to remove the last sentence under Tax Assessor Qualifications on page 21. All approved, motion passes.

Motion made by R. Grigelevich, seconded by D. Campbell and voted to allow Chair Marcello to reword the Board of Assessment Review section on page 22. All approved, motion passes.

Motion made by S. Johnson, seconded by D. Campbell and voted to amend the language under the Issuance of Bonds; Limits section on page 24 to read the issuance of bonds or notes more than \$2 million would require approval at a special election or all-day referendum. All approved, motion passes.

Motion made by R. Grigelevich, seconded by D. Campbell and voted to approve adding the word encumbered funds to the first line of 2nd paragraph under the Transfer of Appropriations section on page 25. All approved, motion passes

Motion made by R. Grigelevich, seconded by M. Marcello and voted to approve adding at least one public hearing to the first line under the Public Hearing on Recommended Budget section on page 26. All approved, motion passes

Motion made by S. Johnson, seconded by R. Grigelevich and voted to remove the Moderator section on page 27. All approved, motion passes

Motion made by R. Grigelevich, seconded by S. Johnson and voted to replace the word Thursday with Tuesday under the term section on page 30. All approved, motion passes.

Motion made by E. Hopkins, seconded by R. Grigelevich and voted to allow Chair Marcello to make spelling and grammatical changes to the charter. All approved, motion passes.

Motion made by D. Campbell, seconded by R. Grigelevich and voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 pm.

Attest:

Gloria Taylor, Clerk

Refer to recording for complete discussion