



## **CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION**

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**AGENDA OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION**  
**CUMBERLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY (MAIN BUILDING)-SEMINAR ROOM**  
**1464 DIAMOND HILL ROAD, CUMBERLAND RI 02864**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2010 at 6:00P.M.**

**1. Call to order**

**2. General Announcements**

**3. Communications**

**4. New Business**

**Discussion and vote to amend the Cumberland Charter Section 1201 Police Department as proposed by Councilor James Higgins**

There shall be a police department, the head of which shall be the Chief of Police who shall be a police officer with at least 5 years experience above the rank of patrol person in any agency. Effective January 1, 2007, any new appointee for the Police Chief shall have the minimum of a bachelor's degree. He or she shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to any existing employment agreement, with the approval of the Town Council. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the town from entering into a written employment agreement with the police chief, provided, however, that said agreement shall not be for a term of more than three (3) years, but may be extended by the Mayor, with the approval of the Town Council, for additional terms of no more than three (3) years.

**5. Discussion and vote to amend the Cumberland Charter Section 1713 Building Committee as proposed by Councilor James Higgins**

Whenever a new building or an addition or renovation to an existing building or grounds, or any new public facility, including buildings and facilities for the School Department, is to be constructed in the Town, or elsewhere for the town, at a planned cost of more than

two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), a building committee shall be appointed which shall have the responsibility of planning and supervising the construction thereof. In the event that the cost of said construction is financed or constructed in multiple phases, but is related to the original project, then the existing building committee shall have the responsibility of planning and supervising the entire project. The Director of Public Works or his or her designee and the Director of the Town Department for which the building or facility is to be constructed or his or her designee, shall be members of any such committee ex officio. In addition, the Mayor shall appoint two members, and the council shall appoint two members of such committee, with preference given to the appointment of person with engineering training and/or experience in the construction management. If the building or facility to be constructed is for the use of the School Department, the School Committee shall appoint one of its members to the committee who shall, together with the Superintendent of Schools or his or her designee, represent the School Department. Any such building committee shall assume its duties immediately after the appropriation or acquisition of funds for the preliminary planning of the building or facility, and shall continue in office during its construction and until its formal acceptance by the Town, or until discharged by the Council.

(Ref. Of 11/7/95)

**6. Discussion and vote to amend the Cumberland Charter Sections 802 and 803 Budget Process as proposed by Councilor James Higgins.**

The duties of the Budget Review were transferred to the town council. The sections 802 and 803 have already been repealed. This is a house keeping issue to remove from the town charter.

**5. Approval of Minutes:**

**January 19, 2010, January 26, 2010, February 2, 2010, February 9, 2010**

**7. Public Comment**

**8. Adjournment**

This meeting location is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requiring interpreter services for the hearing impaired or need additional information should notify the Town Clerk's Office at (401) 728-2400 ext. 138 no less than 48 hours before the meeting.

**Posted: February 10, 2010**