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CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
March 8, 2010

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robert Heagney called the regular meeting of the Charter Revision Commission to order at 7:04 P. M. in Room 103 at Simsbury Town Hall. The following members were also present: Brad Mead, John O'Neil, and Peter Pabich. Darren Cunningham, Jim Fleming, and Dan Munroe arrived at 7:07 P. M. Also present was Lisa Gray, Commission Clerk, and other interested parties.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. O'Neil to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2011 meeting with the following corrections:

Mr. O'Neil's first name should be "John".

The last sentence in the second-to-last paragraph should read, "Mr. O'Neil nominated Mr. Mead to serve as Secretary, and it was seconded by..."

The motion was seconded by Mr. Pabich, and unanimously carried.

III. PUBLIC AUDIENCE

Robert Kalechman addressed the commission and recommended that a Town Manager be hired to oversee the town government and hiring of department heads. He felt the town should be run by hired professionals and not necessarily elected officials.

IV. MEETING SCHEDULE AND INITIAL PUBLIC HEARING

The commission approved the meeting schedule, as presented, and Chairman Heagney recommended that a date be set for the initial public hearing. It was decided to invite former Chairman Charles Howard to appear at the next regularly scheduled meeting, on March 22, 2011, to give background

information before scheduling the public hearing.

V. PRESENTATION BY TOWN ATTORNEY

Attorney Robert DeCrescenzo presented an overview of the Simsbury Town Charter, its chapters and sections, and advised on areas the commission may want to consider for revision.

Chairman Heagney departed at 8:28 PM.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Cunningham to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 P. M.

Brad Mead, Secretary