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CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
January 24, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Robert Heagney called the regular meeting of the Charter Revision Commission to order at 7:05 P. M. in the North Conference Room of Eno Memorial Hall, 754 Hopmeadow Street. The following members were also present: Darren Cunningham, Brad Mead, Dan Munroe, Peter Pabich, John O'Neil, and Dave Ryan. Also present were Attorney Robert DeCrescenzo; Lisa Gray, Commission Clerk; and other interested parties.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PUBLIC AUDIENCE

None

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Commissioner Ryan to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2012 meeting, as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Munroe, and passed unanimously.

V. INVITED GUESTS

None

VI. TOWN COUNSEL'S REPORT & CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE CHARTER CHANGES

Robert DeCrescenzo distributed, and the commission discussed, a list of proposed substantive changes to the Charter.

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Neil to leave the issue of a Deputy First Selectman as-is and not address it with a revision to the Charter at

this time. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Munroe, and unanimously carried.

The commission agreed to establish the Design Review Board as a permanent board in the Charter, but will continue the discussion as to specific language in the Charter at the next meeting.

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A motion was made by Commissioner O'Neil to eliminate the Town Meeting and the position of Town Moderator from all areas of the Charter. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Neil to direct Attorney DeCrescenzo to revise the Budget Calendar, using the Board of Finance Public Hearing as the "trigger date", and to send the calendar to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance for their approval and input. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cunningham, and unanimously carried.

The commission agreed to invite Mary Glassman and Tom Vincent to attend the next meeting to advise the commission on the First Selectman's role as Personnel Director and the Town Manager form of government.

A motion was made by Commissioner Cunningham to delete from the Charter the specific reference to "7:30 p.m." for the organizational meeting of the Board of Selectmen. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Munroe, and unanimously carried.

#### VI. OTHER BUSINESS

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Neil to schedule a public hearing on March 22, 2012. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ryan, and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Ryan to change the regularly scheduled meeting on February 14, 2012 from 7:00 to 5:30 P. M. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Neil, and unanimously carried.

#### VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Neill to adjourn the meeting at 8:43

PM.

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Brad Mead, Secretary