

**TOWN OF SOMERS
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
Monday, November 26, 2012
7:00PM – Somers Town Hall**

1. Call to Order
2. Members Present
3. Approval of Minutes from October 15 and October 29 (attached)
4. Add/Delete Agenda Items
5. Correspondence
6. Discussion on Terms of Office for all remaining elected and appointed officials.
7. Discussion on Status of Elected Constables.
8. Discussion on possible elimination of the position of elected assessor(s).
9. New Business
10. Action Items/Agenda for next meeting – November 12
11. Adjournment

**TOWN OF SOMERS
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
OCTOBER 15, 2012
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
7:00 PM TOWN HALL**

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Chairman Tim Potrikus. Members present were William McGurk, and Ralph Williams.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (September 4 and September 17, 2012)

A motion was made by Ralph Williams to accept minutes as written. Seconded by William McGurk, all were in favor, motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Chair reported receipt of emails from Sarah Bollinger and from David Reed, both residents of Somers.

REQUEST FOR THIRD PUBLIC HEARING:

The commission discussed a process for holding an additional public hearing prior to making a written recommendation to the Board of Selectmen. No vote was taken so that the commission can clarify legal requirements of an additional hearing, and consider an appropriate timeline for scheduling any additional hearing(s) that may be desired.

NEW BUSINESS:

The commission discussed carrying out the work of the Charter Review at future meetings. Beginning with the next regular meeting, items will be placed on the Agenda for discussion, followed by an issuance of a first draft of proposed charter changes due at the next subsequent meeting. The draft will be reviewed at that subsequent meeting, and placed on a future agenda for adoption as a final draft.

ACTION/AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- 1The commissioners will verify statutes and timelines referring to a possible third public hearing and report back at the next regular meeting.
- 2The Chair will check with the Town Clerk and/or First Selectman's Office for an update on General Code's review of the Town of Somers Ordinances, and for an update on any draft copies of a Fire Ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:32 pm by Ralph Williams and seconded by William McGurk, all in favor, motion carried.

*Respectfully submitted.
Tim Potrikus, Chairman*

**TOWN OF SOMERS
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 17, 2012 (*Revise to October 29, 2012*)
7:00PM – Somers Town Hall**

1. Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Potrikus at 7:05.p.m.
2. Members Present: *Ralph Williams and Linda Roberts*
3. Approval of Minutes from October 14, 2012 – *minutes not available*
4. Add/Delete Agenda Items – *A motion was made to add a review of meeting dates to Item #8, New Business.*
Williams/Roberts/Unanimous
5. Correspondence – *none*
6. Update on Request for 3rd Public Hearing
After a brief discussion a motion was made to hold a third public hearing on Wednesday, April 24, 2013.
Williams/Roberts/Unanimous
7. Discussion of Somers Charter as it relates to Election of First Selectman and Office of Selectman
Charter provisions for the make-up of the board of selectmen, terms of office and the ability of the losing first selectman candidate to sit as a member of the board were discussed in detail. Tim Potrikus will provide a draft of this section for review at the next meeting.
8. New Business
The meeting schedule for the balance of this year was reviewed and a motion made to schedule meetings for November 26th, December 3rd and December 17th.
Williams/Roberts/Unanimous
9. Action Items/Agenda for October 1 (*Revise to November 26*) meeting
Terms of office for all remaining elected and appointed officials.
The possible elimination of the position of constables and/or assessors.
10. Adjournment
A motion was made to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.
Williams/Roberts/Unanimous

Respectfully submitted

Linda Roberts
Acting Recording Secretary