

**TOWN OF SOMERS
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 26, 2012
7:00 PM TOWN HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Potrikus at 7:00 pm. Members present were Erik Ness and Ralph Williams. Also present was Julia Sarno, recording secretary.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 15 and October 29, 2012

There were a few dates/tipos that needed correcting. Minutes were revised accordingly.

A motion was made by Ralph Williams to accept minutes as corrected. Seconded by Erik Ness, all in favor, motions carried.

III. ADD/DELETE AGENDA ITEMS

*Tim Potrikus suggested adding the **Draft of the First Selectman Ordinance Revision as 9A.** A motion was made by Ralph Williams to add 9A to the agenda. Seconded by Erik Ness, all in favor, motion carried.*

IV. CORRESPONDENCE:

Tim Potrikus received an email from First Selectman Lisa Pellegrini regarding the status of Constables in the town along with an opinion from Carl Landolina, Town Attorney. There was an email received from David Reed.

V. DISCUSSION ON TERMS OF OFFICE FOR ALL REMAINING ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS:

The commission discussed term limits for any current elected positions in the Town Charter.

Commission members reviewed and discussed Chapters 3 -5 of the Charter. Members discussed staggering terms, filling vacancies, and election procedures. Commission members suggested cleaning up the language in the clauses. A draft will be presented and discussed at the next meeting.

The commission discussed the role of the Board of Assessors. A formal recommendation will be coming forward on this issue.

Appointive terms were discussed. A recommendation is forthcoming.

VI. DISCUSSION ON STATUS OF ELECTED CONSTABLES

Commission members reviewed correspondence from the Town Attorney regarding this matter and will recommend to the Board of Selectman that they draft and approve an ordinance under advice of the Town Attorney.

Further consideration on elected constables was made moot based on an email from the First Selectman and an attached letter from the Town Attorney.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Draft of First Selectman Ordinance (9A on Agenda)

The members discussed a recommendation for composition, term, and succession in the office of First Selectman and Board of Selectman. A recommendation will be voted on at an upcoming meeting.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- 1) Ralph Williams will check the archives for information the succession of Steve Kaminski mid term.
- 2) The Chair will create a draft on terms of office..

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ralph Williams to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. Seconded by Erik Ness, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Julia Sarno, recording secretary