

**TOWN OF SOMERS
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, December 17, 2012
7:00PM – Somers Town Hall**

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by chairman Tim Potrikus at 7:00 p.m.
2. Members Present
Ralph Williams, Erik Ness and Tim Potrikus
3. Approval of Minutes from December 3
A motion was made to approve the minutes of December 3 with correction; add Tim Potrikus to Members Present in item 2; and correct in 9c. that as opposed to only Ralph Williams, all "Members present will submit written rationale for this decision at the next meeting."

Williams/Ness/unanimous
4. Add/Delete Agenda Items
A motion was made to modify item 8 from "Discussion and Vote on recommendation" to "Review and Discuss First Draft of..."

Williams/Roberts/unanimous
5. Correspondence
There was no correspondence received.
6. Review and Discuss First Draft on First Draft on recommendation regarding confirmation of appointments to various town boards at a town meeting.
The chairman presented a draft for review and discussion. The consensus of the members was to move the draft to a vote at the next meeting.
7. Review and Discuss First Draft of residency requirements
The chairman presented a draft for review and discussion. The consensus of the members was to move the draft to a vote at the next meeting.
8. Review and Discuss First Draft regarding Planning Commission and Zoning Commission.
The chairman presented a draft for review and discussion. The consensus of the members was to move the draft to a vote at the next meeting.
9. Discussion and Vote on Terms of Office for all remaining elected and appointed officials.
The 12/3 draft was discussed in detail.. A motion was made to adopt the proposed recommendation. Discussion ensued with corrections as noted in the attached Recommendation. The motion was revised to adopt the recommendation as corrected; motion carried.

Williams/Ness/unanimous
10. Discussion and Vote on Terms on recommendation regarding elected assessor.
The 12/3 draft was discussed in detail.. A motion was made to adopt the proposed recommendation. Discussion ensued with corrections as noted in the

attached Recommendation. The motion was revised to adopt the recommendation as corrected; motion carried.

Ness/Williams/unanimous

11. New Business

- a. Review proposal on a review of ordinances by a vendor, General Code.
A proposal review was discussed. Members had not received the entire attachment; a decision is deferred until next meeting. In the interim, the Commission shall ask clarifying questions of the Town Clerk for discussion at the next meeting.
- b. Review revised Statutory Calendar.
Members reviewed the Statutory Calendar as supplied by the Town Clerk. Consensus of the group is that the Calendar will be achievable.
- c. Discussion on combining vote on school budget and town budget.
The members discussed the existing charter content. It is not stipulated in the Town Charter as to whether the referendum needs to be split or combined. The Commission shall ask the Town Clerk for an opinion by the Town Attorney whether the charter as written prevents the town from dividing the budget question. Further action deferred until an opinion is received.
- d. Discussion on increasing the amount of an individual expenditure requiring approval at a town meeting.
The members discussed the request. The consensus of the group is to draft a recommendation for review at the next meeting.

12. Action Items/Agenda for next meeting – January 14

Draft Charter provisions for expenditures requiring approval at town meeting. Agenda for next meeting to include a stipulation requiring a Town Planner in the Charter, Tag Sale permit ordinance; Subdivision Fees; and Vendors/Howkers/Peddlars ordinance.

13. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn at 8:17 p.m.

Williams/Ness/unanimous

Respectfully submitted

Tim Potrikus
Acting Recording Secretary