# Town of Somers Charter Revision Organizational Meeting

Tuesday, February 10, 2015 6:00 pm ó Selectmen Conference Room

#### 1. Call to Order

a. Meeting called to order at approximately 6:05 pm by First Selectman, L.Pellegrini.

#### 2. Members Present

- a. The following members were in attendance: B.Pellissier, E.Ness, R.Williams, and via telephone K.Burger. Absent: T.Potrikus
- b. Others Present: L.Pellegrini, K.Devlin, B.Knorr, Town Attorney D.Landolina and Town Clerk, Ann Logan

# 3. Review of Charge from Board of Selectmen

Attorney Landolina reviewed the proposed Fire Ordinance and its development. The process is broken down into four (4) steps; development of ordinance, signed agreement/acceptance by Somers Volunteer Association; adoption of ordinance by Board of Selectmen; adoption by townspeople as question on November, 2015 ballot.

By adopting the proposed ordinance, Chapter 5.10 of the Town Charter would be eliminated. Monies may be budgeted for a paid Fire Chief reporting directly to the Board of Selectmen.

# 4. Review of Charter Revision Regulations and Time Lines

Future meetings will be scheduled following the close of the Selectmen Public Hearing on February 17, 2015. The Town Clerk will develop a timeline with a final report being submitted by May 01, 2015. The Commission will be mandated to conduct two (2) hearing on the charter change.

### 5. Selection of Officers

- a. Motion by R.Williams to elect T.Potrikus as Chairman, seconded by B.Pellessier. No other nominations ó voted unanimously in favor
- b. Motion by B.Pellessier to elect R.Williams as Vice-Chairman, seconded by E.Ness. No other nominations ó voted unanimously in favor
- c. Motion by B.Pellessier to elect E.Ness as Secretary, seconded by K.Burger. No other nominations ó voted unanimously in favor

## 6. Schedule for Future Meetings

The Board of Selectmen will be holding a Public Hearing on the proposed Fire Ordinance on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 beginning at 7:00 pm. The suggestion is for the Charter Revision Commission to attend and listen to any comments regarding the proposal. The Commission will also meet following the meeting at approximately 8:00 pm to determine a meeting schedule and public hearing date.

## 7. Adjournment

Motion by R.Williams, seconded by B.Pellessier to adjourn the Charter Revision Organizational Meeting at approximately 6:30 pm

Cordially Submitted Ann Logan, Recording Secretary

Minutes Not Official Until Approved at a Subsequent Meeting