



# CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

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## MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, November 20, 2012

7:00 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center - Meeting Room "A"

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**PRESENT:** David Olson, Chairman, William Hillman, Nicholas Hoffman, Paul Improta, William Shannon, Meghan O'Connor and Wendy Smith. Also in attendance was Attorney Nicholas Vitti.

**Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:** David Olson called the special meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**Minutes of the Public Hearing - October 22, 2012:** William Hillman made a motion, which was seconded by William Shannon, to approve the minutes as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved. Paul Improta abstained from the vote as he was not in attendance.

**Input from Boards & Commissions:** While there was no Public Comment on the agenda, resident Ann Cleary thanked the Charter Revision Commission members for their time and noted that they should use their best judgment.

No Boards and Commission members were available to attend this evenings meeting. However, a suggestion from Thomas Galliford regarding the Fire Departments was submitted. He had noted that there are no references to the two Fire Departments in the Charter.

**Meeting dates for 2013:** David Olson made a motion, which was seconded by Wendy Smith, to hold the regular meetings of the Charter Revision Commission at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

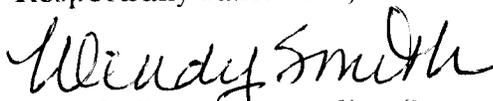
- Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> and Monday, January 28, 2013
- Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup> and Monday, February 25, 2013
- Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> and Monday, March 25, 2013
- Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> and Monday, April 22, 2013

Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, May 28, 2013  
Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> and Monday, June 24, 2013  
Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> and Monday, July 22, 2013  
Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> and Monday, August 26, 2013  
Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and Monday, September 23, 2013  
Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> and Monday, October 28, 2013  
Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> and Monday, November 18, 2013  
Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> and Monday, December 16, 2013.

**Discussion of Charter:** Members had an informal discussion regarding some of the suggestions given by the public at the public hearing. In general, members discussed the suggestion to expand terms to 4 years, expand the Board of Selectmen to 5 members, ways to possibly clarify the roles and responsibilities of the Board of Finance, term limits, making appointed board elected boards. No decisions were reached.

**Adjourn:** As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, William Shannon made a motion, which was seconded by Wendy Smith, to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary