

CITY OF GROTON
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2012

Council Chambers
7:00 P.M.

Chairperson Dunbar-Rose called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL: S. Dunbar-Rose, A. Lavery, M. Kelly, F. Jennette, R. Zuliani, B. Blaisdell, P. Berns, and G. Fafard (7:15)
Staff: D. Patrick
Absent: L. Luck

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: R. Zuliani moved A. Lavery seconded a motion to approve the minutes of March 14, 2012.
(Initially a motion and second were made to approve the minutes of February 22, 2012, D. Patrick caught the error and a new motion was made.)

3. REPORT FROM CHAIRPERSON
S. Dunbar-Rose said revisions have been made to date and D. Patrick went through the draft and found a few corrections that needed to be made. She suggested they read through the sections and confirm they are all in agreement. All members were provided with a new copy with deletions struck through and additions highlighted. She said she spoke with the City Attorney regarding Article XI, section 4(b), a phrase regarding "laying poll taxes". She said it will probably have to be removed. She said the City Attorney provided a packet of information from the 2001/2002 Charter Revision Commission.

4. REPORT FROM SECRETARY
No report.

5. NEW BUSINESS
S. Dunbar-Rose went through all the corrections that needed to be made. There was discussion regarding the section added for Human Resources Department in Article X, Section 10 (d). After much discussion it was agreed this should become Section 1 and all sections under it would move to the next number. They discussed removing the word "negatively" from Article X, Section 10(c). They agreed it should be removed, the intent was only that the Human Resources Director should have the ability to report regularly to the Council. They discussed Article IX Ethics and the number of members for the board. They agreed that there should be Five(5) members with staggered terms. They discussed the necessity of having the City Attorney present at meetings/hearings and how a sitting member should not act as an attorney. They discussed whether they should set the guidelines up front for the Board of Ethics or to allow the

board to set their own upon appointment. Discussion that the decisions of the board are final and can't be overturned. Further discussion on the Code of Ethics being followed in all City Policies and Procedures. There was discussion regarding initial appointments.

P. Berns will combine the piece by G. Fafard to the proposed and delete those sections discussed.

6. OLD BUSINESS

None.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THIS COMMISSION

None.

8. ADJOURNMENT

A. Lavery moved P. Berns seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

The next meeting is Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.