

**TOWN OF GRANBY  
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION 2011  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 15, 2012**

**PRESENT:** Francis Brady, Chairman; Terri Ann Hahn, Annie Hornish, Lowell Johnson, Sheri Litchfield, Jim Lofink, Melissa Migliaccio, and David Russell

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Maureen Wolf and Laura Wolfe, Registrar of Voters

The meeting of the Charter Revision Commission 2011 was called to order by Chairman Francis Brady at 7:30 p.m.

Chairman Brady asked for a moment of silence in honor of Bruce Murtha who passed way.

**PUBLIC**

No public addressed the Commission.

**RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM BOARD OF SELECTMEN, BOARD OF EDUCATION, BOARD OF FINANCE**

Chairman Brady thanked the Registrar of Voters for attending and asked for their comments.

Laura commented the charter does not give flexibility about a paper ballot or a machine vote for town meetings. If that were allowed, it would be easier to manage special town meeting voting procedures. Laura and Maureen discussed examples of what kind of town meetings a machine vote might occur at and the procedures that are needed to do a machine vote.

There was a discussion regarding the difference in roles of the moderator and certified moderator at machine votes.

**CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF CHARTER SECTIONS TEN AND ELEVEN** (discussion to be led by Ms. Migliaccio and Mr. Russell)

Section 11-1: A review was made and no change is suggested at this time.

Section 11-2: A review was made and noted this is where the conflict arises with 3-11. It was noted this section is practical and it works. A discussion was made to delete the last sentence in Section 3-11.

Section 11-3: A review and discussions were made regarding adding a provision for emergency actions, the purchase and sale of real estate, and placement of a phrase in the first paragraph, last sentence starting with "which shall become ...".

Section 11-4: A review was made and sub-section(b) will be reviewed again.

Section 11-5: A review was made and a discussion ensued about the awkward wording. It will be reviewed again.

## **REVIEW OF FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> CITIZEN INPUT**

Chairman Brady asked the members for their input from the February 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Johnson commented the minutes give a good outline of what occurred. The public group that attended the meeting was overall dissatisfied with the annual town budget vote, in particular.

The four attending commission members concurred it was good that the meeting was held. It gave the commission another opportunity to hear from the public in addition to their scheduled meetings.

## **MINUTES**

The Commission reviewed the meeting minutes of February 1, 2012 and February 4, 2012.

A discussion was held on the meeting minutes of February 1, 2012. A correction was noted to page 2, Section 10-5, second sentence. It should now read:

Concerning Section 10-5(b), the commission discussed a provision for the separation of the Board of Education and Selectmen's budget.

ON A MOTION by Lowell Johnson, seconded by Terri Hahn, the Commission voted 8-0-0 to approve the minutes as amended.

A discussion was held on the meeting minutes of February 4, 2012 about the format and style of "Other comments ..." on page three.

ON A MOTION by Lowell Johnson, seconded by David Russell, the Commission voted 4-1-3 to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Hahn voted nay; Mr. Brady, Ms. Litchfield, and Ms. Migliaccio abstained.

## **CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Charter Revision Commission 2011 next regular meeting is scheduled on February 29, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a **MOTION** by Lowell Johnson, seconded by Melissa Migliaccio, the Board voted unanimously (8-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia I. Chieski  
Recording Secretary