



February 28, 2017  
CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS  
Charter Review Commission  
City Council Room- City Hall  
7:00 PM

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS BY BOB TURNER**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES- 2/2**

**DISCUSSION OF CHARTER LANGUAGE**

**OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

**ADJOURN**



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PRESENT: Jeff Altamari  
Ann Casey Bullock  
Gordon Boyd  
Laura Chodos  
Devin Dal Pos  
Elio DelSette  
Matt Jones (7:12 pm)  
Pat Kane  
BK Keramati  
Robert Kuczynski  
Mike Los  
Minita Sanghvi (7:19 pm)  
Barbara Thomas  
Robert Turner  
Beth Wurtmann (8:16 pm)

ABSENT: No one

STAFF: Tony Izzo

### **RECORDING OF PROCEEDING**

The proceedings of this meeting were taped for the benefit of the secretary. Because the minutes are not a verbatim record of the proceedings, the minutes are not a word-for-word transcript.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Bob Turner called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Bob Turner opened the meeting for public comment. Seeing that no one wished to speak, he closed the public comment period.

### **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

Bob Turner said the first agenda item he wants to talk about is whether we still want to hold out charter referendum on May 30 at a Special Election or whether we want to hold it on Tuesday November 7, 2017, the same date as the City's General election.

**Pat Kane moved to not have a special election and instead to hold the Charter referendum at the City's general election on Tuesday November 7, 2017, seconded by Gordon Boyd.**

Pat Kane said that after a lot of thought, it makes sense to move it to the general election from the beginning we have wanted and valued public input and he has heard from many people that we should abandon our plan for a May-June special election and move it to November.

Elio DelSette said this is a wise idea.

Gordon Boyd stated that although we wanted to have the referendum in May as a Special election for very good reasons, clearly the resistance to having it on May 30 is substantial and he would support doing this and if we do this, more people would participate and it would save the city 1/10 of 1% of their overall budget. He said the attention that the Charter will get will be augmented by the freedom that each of us will have to campaign on either side of the question.

BK Keramati supports moving the referendum to November although he understands that in theory May would have been a better date because the referendum would have been the focus and only reason to vote, but he has heard so much from the public and what bothers him the most is that the public perception is that by having a Special election in May, not many people would show up so the Commission was being manipulative and he does not want the Commission to be accused of that, or to be considered as in the business to manipulate anyone. We have always wanted everyone to participate and if it makes people feel better and causes the public to cease accusing the Commission of being manipulative then we should move it to November.

Laura Chodos said she has noticed that people are interested in what we are doing and she is not getting a negative reaction, she is sensing more of an excitement and curiosity and she thinks adding the referendum to the excitement of the local general election could cause it to be one of those elections that will make us proud by bringing a lot of people out to vote and that makes her happy.

Rob Kuczynski said he was not present when the Commission voted to hold a special Election for the referendum but he has read the corresponding minutes and his general understanding of the support for that decision was to take the referendum away from everything else going on in the November election. He said from what we have seen from the time of that vote until today is that the date of the referendum held political ramifications and whole thing became political. Moving the referendum to November gives the Commission the opportunity to separate what we are trying to do from those assumptions and the next City Council is going to be care takers of this document if it is approved so the Commission will have to trust them to make sure that all the changes are put through in both the charter and the Code and that Council will have to further ensure that the budgeting is in place for the first new Council.

Devin Dal Pos said he has had some good inter-reflection on this and one of the things we need to make sure the public understands is that moving to November is not going to be without additional cost because we are now going to have to deal with the noise of the general election

and as such we are going to need to enhance the budget that has already been approved by the City Council to deal with that if we decide to move it to November. He thinks it removes an argument to improving the management of the city and he prefers to reduce the number of meetings, wrap this up and switch the focus to educating the public. He supports moving the referendum to the November general election.

Barbara Thomas said she was pushing for the June 7<sup>th</sup> date because she thought it was more convenient for the public and because she thinks it was beneficial to separate the referendum from the November election. However, given the political climate, particularly with the /city Council, we do not need that kind of controversy. We seen to save our energy to make sure the Charter revision we are proposing is the best document it can be and this will give us a lot more time to educate the public. She does not think that we are going to be able to all disband, especially the Outreach Committee which is charged with educating the public and will need extra funds in order to compete in the climate of the general election. We also have work to do, we are going to have to readjust our time table because of the opposition we have seen, particularly at the City council level. We should decide to have the referendum at the November election.

Jeff Altamari reluctantly agrees with supporting this motion. Frankly, he believes that the municipal officials have overstepped their bounds in the spirit of municipal home rule and the Commission is caving in to some of that because we are trying to take the high road. He said if this continues in terms of the context of what we are delivering, the product that we bring to the public, he strongly suggests we draw the line and not be influenced any further by this bullying and cheap shots. He said he is not a politician; he is a businessman and therefore is not accustomed to this. It is unfair, but in the interest and spirit of what we are trying to do here, trying to generate more participation, it will be good to perhaps take a little more time and to be more reflective, so he will support the change albeit with some reluctance.

(Matt Jones arrived 7:12 pm)

Mike Los agrees with the word reluctance and he is supporting the change with some disappointment as well. He said in reflection on what we are up against the risk rewards what the spirit of this group is and he thinks it is a prudent change to move it to the November election and it gives us a real opportunity to share with the public what we have learned and what we have spent so much time understanding about our current form of government.

Matt Jones said he supports moving the referendum from a special election to the general election in November.

Pat Kane said that the Commission is going to need more money for public outreach to inform the public over four or five months.

Ann Casey Bullock stated that the entire Commission is part of the outreach Committee.

BK Keramati said that looking at the bright side of things, the whole discussion regarding special Elections and when to hold the referendum has given us a lot of publicity; it has made the public aware that we exist and people know more about this Commission as a result.

Elio DelSette congratulated the Commission on their civility, their intelligence and their determination. This is his third stint on a Charter Commission and he knows how it feels when

you finish and things don't go well and when things do go well; it is exhausting. He said it has been almost déjà-vu for him with all the talk from the public, but this is a great group and he does support moving the referendum to November and he thinks the politics may help us, especially if the candidates take some of the issues to their forums. He supports this motion however he still believes it would be best to continue with our current form of government.

Bob Turner said as a citizen Commission, we are all trying to do the people's business as well as we can approximate it and as we think about representation and what that is, we all have come to appreciate how difficult it is and there are times when we may get something wrong, and the public told us that participation would be highest in November during the City election and although that was not this Commission's assessment, we should move the referendum. He said that the Commission has worked hard to review the Charter the right way and he is fine with criticism, but when it comes to people saying it is a rush job or that there is something underhanded about what we are doing, it hurts because regardless of whether the Commission's recommendations are approved, the goal has been to make this review process as open, transparent, rigorous, inclusive and thorough as possible. He thinks that having the referendum in November will allow the Commission to put the process concerns out of the way and focus attention on the substance of measure.

Barbara Thomas said what we are all working towards is a charter that will be the best we can come up with for this City. It is not just about the Commission or our egos, it really will be a product that reflects what this Commission feels is the best way for the City to organize itself.

(Minita Sanghvi arrived 7:19 pm)

Elio DelSette called the question and requested a roll call vote:

Bob Turner explained to Minita Sanghvi that the motion is to not have a special election for the charter referendum, but instead to place the charter referendum on the ballot at the November election.

Matt Jones:	Aye	Elio DelSette:	Aye
Mike Los:	Aye	Minita Sanghvi:	Aye
Rob Kuczynski:	Aye	Laura Chodos:	Aye
Devin Dal Pos:	Aye	Pat Kane:	Aye
Barbara Thomas:	Aye	Bob Turner:	Aye
Jeff Altamari:	Aye	Gordon Boyd:	Aye
BK Keramati:	Aye	Ann Casey Bullock:	Aye

Ayes: 14 Nays: 0  
Absent: 1 (B. Wurtmann)

Tony Izzo stated for clarification that the motion was to out the Charter referendum on the ballot at the general election this November 7, 2017.

Matt Jones stated for the record that there is unanimous consent of the Charter Review Commission that the date of this year's general election when the Charter referendum would be placed on the ballot is November 7, 2017.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ann Casey Bullock reported that there are the minutes from the February 2 meeting to approve.

**Barbara Thomas moved and Laura Chodos seconded to approve the Charter Commission meeting minutes of the February 2, 2017 meeting.** Ayes all

### **DISCUSSION OF CHARTER LANGUAGE**

Bob Turner said that the draft was distributed to the Commission members, clerks and legal counsel last Sunday and Ann Bullock and Gordon Boyd did a good job incorporating changes and suggestions into the draft document.

Ann Casey Bullock explained that there was a lot of overlap with the suggestions. for the preamble, Laura Chodos sent option 2:

**Preamble:** Gordon Boyd stated that putting something in the preamble does not make it operative to the Charter. Laura said she tried to hit on the census which happens every ten years. Bob Turner advised that we do not want language of the decennial census, we want it more inspirational. After some discussion, a few additions and deletions the Commission agreed on the following:

Under authority conferred by the Constitution of the State of New York, we the People of Saratoga Springs do ordain and establish this Charter as the Law of the City to protect and enhance the health, safety, environment and general welfare of the people; to enable municipal government to provide services and meet the needs of the people efficiently; to allow fair and equitable participation of all persons in the affairs of the city; to provide for transparency, accountability and ethics in governance and civil service; to foster fiscal responsibility; to promote prosperity and diversity and to address the broad needs of a changing society.

**Section 1.01 Title and Purpose:** The Commission accepted the language of this section.

**Section 1.02 City Status, Power and Duties:** Gordon Boyd said that Matt Jones had a question about a city's ability to supersede state law. Matt Jones said he must recuse himself from this discussion because of a current court matter.

Tony Izzo said generally there is a rule that if the State has established a comprehensive scheme for this particular type of regulation or law then it is a law of such general application that most municipalities cannot supersede it but those are unusual cases. There are many cases where state law can be deliberately superseded by a municipality. He asked what sort of provision they were thinking about possibly superseding. Gordon Boyd responded that it is a general statement about that the City shall be a corporation and the City "shall be subject to all duties and obligations imposed by local laws not inconsistent with this charter or with State law" Gordon Boyd clarified that Matt Jones was asking if there were times when state law could be superseded by the City; whether the City could do something that is inconsistent with state law without violating state law. Tony Izzo responded that it is pretty standard language and it does not look like it precludes a municipality from appropriately superseding state law. Gordon Boyd said there are situations in which a City's regulation of something could supersede a state law, in which case we need to have words in the Charter that generally provide for that opportunity to

take place without violating the Charter and the way he drafted it is there is to have it read "The City shall be subject to all duties and obligations imposed by local laws not inconsistent with this charter or with state law". This allows us the option of being in consistent with state law if state law so provides. Tony Izzo is not sure it needs to be included to that extent. Matt Jones suggested running it by the City Attorney for feedback. Tony Izzo will review the sentence also. Bob Turner feels the importance of the conjunction there may elude a lay audience. Gordon Boyd feels that adding "or with" solves the problem.

Bob Turner asked Gordon Boyd and Ann Casey Bullock to send the language of section 1.02 to the City Attorney and to Tony Izzo for their input. He will ask Bob Batson to weigh in on this also.

**1.03 Boundaries:** The Commission had no comments on this section.

**Article II, City Council and Mayor, Section 2.01: City Council Constituted:** The City Council shall be composed of the Mayor and six Members elected by the voters of the City at large. Matt Jones said we settled on at large; it is appropriate to have unanimous consent of "at large" The Commission members unanimously agreed with the inclusion of the phrase "at Large" in the language of Section 2.01.

**2.02 Acting Mayor:** At the first meeting in each year, the Mayor shall appoint, with approval of the City Council, one Council Member to serve as Acting Mayor during the absence or disability of the Mayor, and who, if a vacancy occurs in the office of the Mayor, shall serve as Mayor until the office is filled as provided in this Charter

There was a brief discussion on whether the phrase "Deputy Mayor" should be used in place of "Acting Mayor" because it is a title people know and recognize. Gordon Boyd said that "Acting Mayor" is more appropriate; Pat Kane agrees that the term "Deputy Mayor" would be confusing; "Acting Mayor" is better. The Commission agreed unanimously to the language in Section 2.02.

**2.03A Meetings:** The Commission members agreed to delete the sentence regarding the "Acting Mayor shall preside in the Mayor's absence." as redundant. They agreed to the language as follows: "The City Council shall hold regular meetings on the first and third Tuesday evenings in each month, and at such other times as it shall designate. Meetings shall be conducted in compliance with the New York State Open Meetings Law. The Mayor shall preside at all meetings of the City Council. In the proceedings of the City Council, the Mayor and each Member present shall have a vote.

**2.03B Special Meetings:** Gordon Boyd expressed concern that allowing three City Council members to call a meeting grants power to the minority which goes against majority rule. BK Keramati commented that the Council should be able to vote to do anything they want, they are only calling a meeting; for a minority to be able to do that, it is important to have the right to call a meeting. Matt Jones agreed that to have the right to convene the body is a good thing. Gordon Boyd said that you have three Council members that can call a meeting that the Mayor and the majority of the City council may not have wanted to call. this could be problematic and dysfunctional. He has never heard of a minority having this kind of power. Ann Casey Bullock said we are calling for an up or down vote; if three City Council members call for a meeting. It does not mean that whatever is voted on would pass. Under the scenario, they could fail to show up; they will not risk their office because they would need to miss three consecutive

meetings unexcused. BK Keramati likes the idea of a minority being able to call a meeting; it is not necessarily called to decide something.

Devin Dal Pos said if they are calling a meeting to further a vote, they will need a fourth vote. The minority could come, hold their meeting and they could take the opportunity to let the public know their concerns. He asked if they have the right to publicize without a quorum. Pat Kane said no, nothing is official in that case and it can't be televised. Devin Dal Pos said then in order to assure that it will not happen; you do not allow it to happen. Elio DelSette suggested getting a majority there in the first place; a quorum in order to guarantee and maintain business.

**Rob Kuczynski moved and Devin Dal Pos seconded to change the word "three" in the first sentence of 2.03B to "four".**

**Ayes: 7 Nays: 6 Abstentions: 1** (DelSette) Motion carries.

Tony Izzo said if there is not a quorum, the meeting does not convene; there are no statements, no documents exchanged; there is no discussion. there is not meeting. Ann Casey Bullock said the language will be changed to four Council members as follows:.

**2.03B Special Meetings:** The Mayor, or in the Mayor's absence, the Acting Mayor, or any four Council Members may call special meetings by notice in writing or by electronic means served personally upon or transmitted electronically to the other Members of City Council, or left at their usual place of residence at least 24 hours before the time of the meeting.

**2.04. Mayor:** Bob Turner stated that the Mayor shall be elected Citywide and will serve as presiding officer of the City Council. He said it is clearer to break the language of the duties into a list. Matt Jones advised that the regulatory Boards and Commissions and Authorities to which the Mayor appoints members with the advice and consent of the City Council should be included in the Charter by name and retain the phrase "without limitation". Rob Kuczynski asked about the Board of Ethics. Tony Izzo explained that the Ethics Board has its own Chapter, Chapter 13 in the City Code; Matt Jones advised that it should be named in the City Charter regarding the appointments to it. The Commission agreed that after the list of duties, the paragraph stating that the Mayor shall chair the Finance Committee of the City council and upon receipt of the US Decennia Census report, the Mayor shall appoint a Charter Review Commission, should be numbered as well, #8 (Finance Committee) and 9, (Charter Review Commission) respectively. There was also consensus to the statement that "The Mayor shall be recognized as the head of City government for all ceremonial purposes, but the Mayor shall have no administrative duties, other than those outlined herein."

**2.05. Finance Committee:** Bob Turner said that the Mayor chairs the Finance Committee, so the electoral aspect falls with the Mayor. Matt Jones said he has problems with the notion of the Finance committee being comprised of the whole City Council. What is the function of the Finance Committee if it is the same make-up as the City Council? Bob Turner said that the Mayor chairs the Finance Committee and edifies that the budget is balanced. Matt Jones said that the certification makes sense; it is the make-up of the Committee that he has an issue with. Pat Kane said that having the City council serve as the Finance Committee does not preclude others to be on the Committee as well; the director of Finance and the City Manager should also be on the committee. Gordon Boyd agreed and added that they should not have a vote.

BK Keramati asked if there would be different bylaws or something that could separate the City Council function from the Finance Committee function. Pat Kane said they will meet separately.



Mike Los said it would make more sense to have the Mayor as Chair with three City Council members on the Finance Committee.

Jeff Altamari said the idea to have a facile group that could do the heavy lifting and go back to the City Council with their products. Bob Turner said the concern would be if the Mayor chose three cronies of his/her political party. Matt Jones said that it is a powerful committee with a majority of the Council there. Gordon Boyd suggested creating something with less than the majority of the City Council; it is up to the City council to make rules on representation by party; it is efficacious for them to do so.

Barb Thomas suggested that maybe everybody should be at the table so they could call in experts when needed. Mike Los said he does not understand why we need the entire City Council on the Finance Committee. It seems odd; he does not see the risk if the Finance Committee was stacked with members of the Mayor's party. Appointments are with the advice and consent of the City Council regardless. Pat Kane cautioned that you could see the whole Finance Committee go away. BK Keramati said they are going to be a busy sub-committee; they are doing the grunt work, so maybe three or four representatives would be good, but not the entire Council. Bob Turner suggested stopping the discussion on the make-up of the Finance Committee in hopes that the answer would reveal itself.

**2.06. Ad hoc Committees:** Devin Dal Pos asked for the clarification of what an ad hoc committee is. Bob Turner said that the term could be changed to advisory. Elio DelSette said the committee has a life of its own, a special purpose. BK Keramati asked if it is necessary to include the language that the appointments to those committees are with the advice and consent of the City Council. Bob Turner said no, these committees have no regulatory power. The Commission agreed to change the title "Ad hoc Committees" to "Advisory Committees" and the following language for 2.06:

**2.06. Advisory Committees:** "The Mayor may create such advisory committees and appoint members thereto as deemed necessary in the public interest to serve at the pleasure of the Mayor."

Ann Casey Bullock stated that in 2.04, the word "advisory" in item number 3 of the list of duties will be removed. She will add advisory committees separately with its' own number in the list of duties.

(Beth Wurtmann arrived at 8:16 p.m.)

Matt Jones said that the Comprehensive Plan Committee is not a regulatory committee; it probably should be included as an advisory committee. Bob Turner said that what is significant about this 2.04-3 is that we are now identifying boards and commissions that would require the advice and consent of the City Council and it is important to include the Comprehensive Plan Committee and the Civil Service Commission in there. Matt Jones said we need to be clear, call each one out specifically. Bob Turner said the formal names would be included.

Tony Izzo said there is now a new committee formed by the Mayor on Human Rights. He said that when discussing its formation, they went through the same analysis regarding commissions, committees and boards and research revealed that the terms commission and committee are used interchangeable. He noted that a more critical distinction is to consider the difference between boards that actually exercise governmental power and those that are purely

advisory. He advised that when a board or committee or commission exercises the sovereign power of the government, it is subject to the requirements of the open meetings law. When the board, committee or commission is purely advisory, when all it does is give advice to another board that then makes the final decisions, then it does not have to comply with the open meetings law, although it can if it wants to. It does have to comply with the Freedom of Information law which means that they must have minutes of each meeting, but it does not have to meet the requirements of the open meetings law and that is a big distinction. Elio Del Sette said it is an important distinction. Tony Izzo said that the distinction can be created within the Charter by stating that if the Board exercises the sovereign power of the government it is called one thing and if it does not, it is called something else. He added that there are not that many boards, commissions, committees that are given power by state law such as Zoning boards, Planning boards, Design Review Commissions. Most are purely advisory, so you might want to consider having a name for each type of board.

Devin Dal Pos stated that the Comprehensive Plan Committee was an advisory committee that advised the City Council who made the decision, however initially, the committee was comprised of only the Mayor's appointments and there was a large outcry from the other Council members to have input into the make-up of the committee so, because of the importance placed on the work, they deemed it necessary to have a more inclusive participation by the other council members in the make-up of that committee. He thinks it is a laudable goal to try to make these distinctions, but he is not sure we are going to be able to catch them all so the ones we are aware of should be put in the Charter by name with the appointment by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the City council, but the catch-all phrase "not limited to" should be included.

Rob Kuczynski said that the Board of Assessment Review is included in the City Code and the form and function of that Board is dictated by the state and it is currently appointed by the Commissioner of Accounts. He added parenthetically that this Commission might want to remove any sort of advice and consent role of the Council because it is the worst Board to serve on, it is difficult to get people to participate on it but it is a vital municipal function. Bob Turner said it should be appointed with the advice and consent of the City Council as well. The Comprehensive Plan Committee is a great example of why we need to include having the appointments made with the advice and consent of the City Council.

Bob Turner said in regards to a Charter Review Commission the state provides three ways to form a Charter Review Commission and each is set up to give a minority the chance to change the constitution. Ann Casey Bullock said that timing is important; the way it is stated in the current Charter adjoins with the census; it creates the timing for this to happen and that language should stay where it is.

## **2.07. Appointment of City Manager**

The Commission agreed on the language of 2.07 as follows: "The City Council shall appoint and hire a qualified person to the office of City Manager in accordance with Section 3.01.

## **2.08 Code of Ethics**

The Commission agreed to the first sentence as "The City Council shall adopt a Code of Ethics to guide the actions of elected and appointed City officers and employees, and they agreed to add to the second sentence beginning with "The Code of Ethics adopted" the phrase "may

require periodic disclosures". Matt Jones pointed out that the reference of a state statute [Article 18] is frustrating to a general reader; it is an old, confusing and frustrating statute and we would be better off to extract what we want from that old law and insert that language instead. Tony Izzo said there is an extensive list in the Code of all those positions required to have a disclosure. Matt Jones volunteered to take a stab at the Article 18 language for this section of the charter. Gordon Boyd advised that if state law provides limits regarding disclosure, etc., then it needs to be in there. Ann Casey Bullock said that 2.08 Code of Ethics also refers to Section 806 of the General Municipal Law. Matt Jones asked Bob Turner to ask Bob Batson is there is a shorter way to say this and if not, leave it in there as it is.

## **2.09. Prohibitions**

**Section A. Holding Other Office:** The Commission agreed to clarifying employment as City employment and deleting the phrase at the end of section A "unless granted a waiver by the Board of Ethics".

**Section B. Appointments and Removals:** Neither the City Council nor any of its members shall in any manner control or demand the appointment or removal of any City administrative officer or employee whom the City Manager or any subordinate of the City Manager is empowered to appoint, but the City Council may express its views and fully and freely discuss with the City Manager anything pertaining to appointment and removal of such officers and employees.

Regarding the language of **Section B**, Matt Jones had concerns over "control or demand" stating that an elected member of government cannot be prevented from saying something to a member of the staff and you can't require anything of them. Gordon Boyd said we are trying to control actions. Matt Jones asked how a member of the Council would require someone to do something. Gordon Boyd said the language should be more specific.

Tony Izzo explained that the City Council shall not exercise administrative control; the removal of administrative control from the City Council is the gist of this section.

Bob Turner said that City Council members are prohibited from giving orders; this is from the model City Charter and he is hesitant to mess with what a group of Mayors, City Managers deem to be best practice. He said the argument for this is that this kind of language helps a City Manager in keeping the necessary distance between politics and administration. Tension between the provisions is that an inopportune phrase at a City Council meeting could result in removal.

Gordon Boyd said the word demand is meaningless; what you do not want Council members to do is require; it would put them on perilous thin ice. He suggested removing the word "demand" from the 2.09 B Appointment and Removals paragraph.

BK Keramati said this can be solved by being explicit.

There was a big discussion regarding the statement of "Neither the City Council nor any of its Members shall in any manner control or demand the appointment or removal of any city administrative officer or employee whom the City Manager or any subordinate of the City Manager is empowered to appoint...". Gordon Boyd feels it is subject to interpretation; it should be clear-cut because if it is too ambivalent, it could violate the rights of the City Council

members. Barbara Thomas recommended going with part C and eliminating part B. Bob Turner said that both parts B and C are in the model Charter. Matt Jones stated that it should spell out who removes and under what procedures.

Bob Turner suggested stopping at 2.09B without consensus at this time.

Jeff Altamari said he will reconstruct the language of the independent and internal audits and send it to Ann Casey bullock.

Tony Izzo said that the New York Public Officers Law has a great deal to say about how public officers are removed from office. He will look at it and see if he needs to advise the Commission accordingly.

### **OUTREACH COMMITTEE**

Beth Wurtmann said that there should be a town meeting but we have a longer time line now; we want the Commissioners' eyes on our efforts; the press release about the Commission's vote to hold the Charter referendum at the November General election is out.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Matt Jones moved and Ann Casey Bullock seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.**  
Ayes all. There being no further business, Robert Turner adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy L. Wagner  
Clerk

Accepted: 4/6/2017