

Lebanon Charter Revision Commission

Minutes

August 25, 2022

Members present: Michael Nintean (Chair), Keith LaPorte, Karen Buffkin, Sandy Tremblay

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Correspondence – no correspondence was received.

The Commission members agreed to go through the current Charter section by section. The following is the discussion of the sections reviewed by the members at this meeting.

Article 1

1.1 no recommended changes

1.2 no recommended changes

1.3 no recommended changes

1.4 Definitions

.1 Change recommended to the definition of “agency” to conform to its use throughout the charter with respect to the word “official”

.4 check to make consistent with Article 6.1

.9 check who is eligible to vote at Town Meeting

.12 and .13 check the governing statutes

Article 2

2.1 no recommended changes

2.2 Questions regarding contingent basis and authority. Commission members discussed consulting counsel

Members discussed the budget adoption by the Town and how that aligns with the budget adoption process of the state.

2.3 Discussed adding qualifications for the moderators by requiring them to have taken the moderators training course to serve.

2.4 Action by Town Meeting

.4 should the 10k threshold be increased

.6 what constitutes a “permanent” board or commission – what is the connotation in the definitions section. Commission members discussed consulting counsel. Member Tremblay provided the example of the Trumbull House Board of Trustees which has a date of 2/24/20 with respect to its completion of work.

2.5 no recommended changes

2.6 no recommended changes

Article 3

3.1 no recommended changes

3.2 no recommended changes

3.3 General Powers

.3 and .4 discussion of the authority of Board of Selectman and First Selectmen and recognizing these will need to be reviewed in conjunction with the discussion and any decision related to the Town Manager role consideration.

.8 The members discussed process related to the appointment powers set forth in this subparagraph

.14 The members discussion Member Gilleese's suggestion regarding the potential to remove this paragraph in light of the powers of the Board of Selectman to require a referendum to approve the budget. The members discussed the "hiccup" in the spring related to the referendum and its notice.

3.4 no recommended changes

3.5 no recommended changes

No motions were made nor action taken at this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen K. Buffkin
Temporary Secretary