

Lebanon Charter Commission

Regular Meeting

June 4, 2015

6:30pm

Town Hall

Minutes

1. The meeting was convened at 6:35 pm at the Town Hall by Chairman, T. Meyer.
Members present: J. Bendoraitis, T. Meyer, J. Daviau, E. Macauley, P. Myers, A. Wayland.
Absent: K. LaPorte, L. Johnson
Public: 1 – Ron Cowles
2. Motion to approve minutes of meeting of May 28, 2015 by A. Wayland, 2nd by E. Macauley
Vote: yes 4 – T. Meyer, A. Wayland, J. Daviau, E. Macauley. Abstain: 1 – P. Myers, J. Bendoraitis
3. No public comment.
- 4.1 Board of Selectmen have reviewed the latest draft of the Charter (from May 28 meeting) and agreed the draft reflects the comments and suggestions of the BOS.
- 4.2 The Commission discussed and agreed to new language for Article 9.11 as follows:

9.11 Transfer of Funds

The Board of Selectmen may only transfer and re-appropriate funds between Town Operating Budget line items within a given agency or department.

The Board of Finance may authorize over-expenditures or transfers between agency or department budgets up to the limit allowed by Connecticut General Statutes and may at their discretion require Town Meeting approval for such authorizations. Transfers between agency or department budgets which exceed Connecticut General Statutes limits shall require approval at a Town Meeting.

The Board of Finance may transfer and appropriate funds from the contingency account up to the limit allowed by Connecticut General Statutes and may at their discretion require Town Meeting approval for such transfers or appropriations. Transfers and appropriations from the contingency account which exceed Connecticut General Statutes limits shall require approval at a Town Meeting.

Motion to approve the new language for revised Article 9.11 by J. Daviau, 2nd by P. Myers.

Vote – unanimous.

- 4.3 There was consensus among the Commission members to remove the concept of Major/Minor Ordinances from the draft charter (Article 5). It has been difficult to develop a clear, concise definition of the differences between a major vs minor ordinance. As such, there was agreement to drop that concept from the charter. Since this also impacts other sections of the charter, members agreed to wait for a final vote until specific language changes are identified and a revised draft is available to the Commission reflecting these changes.

- 4.4 J. Bendoraitis suggested modification to Article 7.1 dealing with the methods in which alternate members of elected agencies are seated to exempt the Board of Finance from this requirement. CGS Sec. 7-340a, which deals with alternate members of the Board of Finance, does not appear to allow for other methods of seating alternates than specified with the statute. Commission members agreed to the change and will approve final language on this at the next Commission meeting when a revised draft reflecting the modified language is available.
- 4.5 Joint meeting with the Board of Selectmen is TBD with 2 possible dates (Wed. 6/10, Thurs. 6/11). Chairman Meyer will confirm which date meeting will be held & communicate to the Commission.
- 4.6 Plan is to have the final report of the Commission available for review and action at our next meeting.
5. Motion to adjourn by A. Wayland, 2nd by E. Macauley. Vote – unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM

Respectfully submitted,
John Bendoraitis
Secretary