

Lebanon Charter Commission
Special Meeting
September 1, 2015, 7:00 pm
Town Hall
Minutes

Agenda item 1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Members attending: J. Daviau, L. Johnson, K. LaPorte, T. Meyer, S. Meyer, P. Myers, A. Wayland.

Members absent: J. Bendoraitis, E. Macauley

Public attending: none

Agenda item 2. S. Meyer was introduced to other members who were known to each other. Contact information was exchanged.

Agenda Item 3. Discussed the reason for this commission being appointed. It was note that a planned referendum on a previously proposed Charter of June 10, 2015, could not be held because that Charter was not published within 30 days of its approval by the Board of Selectmen as required by State Law. It was further note that although the proposed Charter of June 10, 2015, was duly submitted and accepted for referendum by the Board of Selectmen, the voters will not have the opportunity to vote on it at the November, 2015 elections. Thus this new Commission was appointed to propose a Charter that can be voted upon by the citizens in 2016.

Agenda Item 4. T. Meyer was nominated to be chairman by K. LaPorte and seconded by A. Wayland. Vote was unanimous to approve. J. Benoraitis was nominated to be secretary by K. LaPorte and seconded by A. Wayland. T. Meyer noted that Bendoraitis had expressed willingness to serve as secretary. Vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda Item 5. Town Legal Counsel has provided a step by step process required by State Law for adoption of a Charter. The first step in that process is for the Charter Commission to hold a Public hearing for input from the public prior to any substantive work starting.

Agenda Item 6.1 A motion was made by J. Daviau and seconded by L. Johnson to schedule the first Public Hearing for September 9, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the Fire Safety Complex. Vote was unanimous to approve. The purpose of the hearing is to solicit input from the public regarding a proposed Charter. Discussion ensued about what would be covered at the Public Hearing. An agenda for the meeting was discussed and included background regarding why an new Charter Commission had been appointed and the steps required by State Law.

Agenda Item 6.2 A schedule of meetings and Public Hearings was discussed and agreed upon. It was agreed that the first commission meeting would be held immediately following the September 9 Public Hearing for the purpose of considering new ideas that may have been identified at the Public Hearing and sections of the prior charter that are known to need revision. A motion was made by J. Daviau and seconded by A. Wayland to schedule the second Public Hearing for September 22, 2015 with place and time to be determined based on availability. Vote was unanimous to approve.

Agenda Item 7. No further activities were planned.

Agenda Item 8. A motion was made to adjourn by K. LaPorte and seconded by P. Myers. Vote was unanimous to approve.