



Town of Burlington

CHARTER REVIEW PUBLIC HEARING **Monday, January 27, 2020 – Burlington Town Hall**

1. Call Meeting to Order:

The meeting was called to order by First Selectman Ted Shafer at 8:05 pm., Monday, January 27, 2020. Present were: Tony DiNicola, Dave Goshdigian, and Toni Vosburgh, members, and Ginger Doherty and Jeff Vosburgh, alternate members. Also in attendance were Selectmen James Chard, Carl Salsedo and Thomas Zabel. Barry Faticoni, Laurie Gara, JP Parente and one other were not in attendance.

2. Overview of Charter Review Committee:

First Selectman Shafer introduced Charter Review Committee Chairman Dave Goshdigian to give an overview of the process and purpose of the Charter Review Committee (CRC). Chairman Goshdigian explained there is a legal process for any review and revisions to the Burlington Town Charter, two of which were the creation of the CRC and this public hearing. The CRC is tasked with creating a report of recommendations for the Board of Selectman and public review. The Board of Selectman can then prepare the proposed amendments for the ballot. Since a certain voter turnout is needed to approve any amendments, the goal is to have all recommendations prepared in time for the November 3, 2020 presidential election ballot. The CRC will meet on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. Meetings are open to the public and public comment is encouraged.

3. Citizen Comment:

John Crane, 27 Story Hill Road, questioned which sections of the Charter did the Board of Selectman choose for review and why. First Selectman Shafer explained the Board of Selectman held a special meeting December 19, 2019 outlining all sections they would recommend for review. There are several reasons for their selections including antiquated language, modernization of financial process, and recommendation for staggered term elections to maintain institutional knowledge. A detailed list can be found on the town website in the December 19th Meeting Minutes. In addition, the Charter Review Committee is encouraged to ask the Board of Selectmen for explanations, data and resources as needed to complete their review.

John Hebert suggested that agendas be published quickly so the public has time to review. Committee Chairman Goshdigian commented that the agendas will be available no later than the Thursday prior to any regular meeting.

4. Adjourn:

Motion made (DG), seconded (CS) and passed unanimously to adjourn meeting at 8:20PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Toni Vosburgh
Secretary, Charter Review Committee

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