



Town of Burlington

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES Monday, June 29, 2020 – Teleconference

1. Call Meeting to Order:

The meeting convened at 7:11 p.m., Monday, June 29, 2020. Present were: Dave Goshdigian, Chairman, Tony DiNicola, Vice Chairman, Jeff Vosburgh acting Secretary, Barry Faticoni and Laurie Gara, members, as well as Ginger Doherty, alternate. Toni Vosburgh joined the meeting late and First Selectman Ted Shafer was also in attendance.

2. Overview of Charter Review Process and Draft Report:

Chairman Goshdigian briefly explained the purpose of the Charter Review to the public, election of charter members and the committee's review process. He also noted the process for the proposal being reviewed at this public hearing, which is required by state statute.

3. Citizen Comment:

Jerry Mullen, Chairman of the Board of Finance noted that the draft report was well done. He inquired about the change to make the First Selectman not counted as a member of the Board and how that affects voting. Chairman Goshdigian noted the First Selectman is only not counted with respect to minority representation to encourage a more balanced Board, the change still allows him to have voting rights as before. In addition, Jerry questioned section 5-21 item 3 for who appoints the town clerk. Vice Chairman Tony DiNicola noted the town clerk is not appointed, they are hired like other town employees in the CBA. Chairman Goshdigian also noted this change was made due to this position being selected in consultation with the Board to be part of CBA. For section 7-7 B. it was questioned whether since there are multiple named reserved funds if it was necessary to name them all. The committee and Jerry agreed with the more generic language of "named reserved fund(s)." Jerry also noted that he didn't see any language for the Board of Finance to receive the budget no later than March. Chairman Goshdigian clarified that this requirement was already in the Charter. If the committee didn't change or question the section it is not included in the report. Lastly, Chairman Goshdigian noted that there is one section that was not updated on the draft report that the committee would like to consider. The committee would like to revise section 7-10 on auditors to add a provision that the contract will be put out to bid every 3 years to ensure the town is getting the best price for the service. Jerry noted this requirement was already in their financial policy so it would be redundant to add it to the Charter.

4. Adjourn:

Motion made (DG), seconded (TD) and passed unanimously to send draft report to Board of Selectman as is and adjourn meeting at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Toni Vosburgh
Secretary, Charter Review Committee