

Waterboro Charter Review Commission

Minutes

March 19, 2012

Present: Chm. Todd Abbott, Dianne Holden, Sel. Gordon Littlefield, Steve Ross, Dwayne Woodsome and Douglas Foglio, Sr. Absent: James Carll, Scott Ohman and Willis Lord.

Call to Order: 7:10 PM

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

Questionnaire on Town website/Public Forum: The Commission reviewed the results of the questionnaire (see attached).

New Business:

Approval of March 5, 2012 Minutes: Dwayne made the motion to accept as written. Steve seconded. Voted, passed.

Note: No meeting held on February 20, 2012, due to lack of quorum.

Draft New Charter: Members worked on the drafting of Article 2 – Town Meeting, and, Article 7 – Municipal Elections.

Other Business: None

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM. Motioned by Steve, seconded by Dwayne. Voted, passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Holden
Committee Secretary

Approved April 2, 2012

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Response Summary

Total Started Survey: 47
Total Completed Survey: 47 (100%)

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1. Should the position of Road Commissioner be elected or appointed?		Create Chart	Download
	Response Percent	Response Count	
Elected	57.4%	27	
Appointed	42.6%	20	
		answered question	47
		skipped question	0
2. Should the 'Road Commissioner' title be changed to 'Public Works Director' and have authority over both the Roads and the Transfer Station Departments?		Create Chart	Download
	Response Percent	Response Count	
Yes	66.0%	31	
No	34.0%	16	
		answered question	47
		skipped question	0
3. How should the Town of Waterboro voters approve it's annual operating budget?		Create Chart	Download
	Response Percent	Response Count	
Annual Town Meeting (voted in by attendees of the meeting)	31.9%	15	
Ballot Referendum (Town-wide vote/as any general election)	68.1%	32	
		answered question	47
		skipped question	0
4. The Board of Selectmen should consist of how many members?		Create Chart	Download
	Response Percent	Response Count	
		answered question	46
		skipped question	1

4. The Board of Selectmen should consist of how many members?	Create Chart	Download
5	67.4%	31
3	32.6%	15
	answered question	46
	skipped question	1

5. Your residency status:	Create Chart	Download
	Response Percent	Response Count
I am a year-round Waterboro resident	83.0%	39
I am a part-time Waterboro resident	8.5%	4
I am NOT a Waterboro resident	8.5%	4
	answered question	47
	skipped question	0

6. Enter your name so we may count you in the results. (Note: this is for confirmation only. Your information is strictly confidential and will not be shared with anyone.)	Download
	Response Count
Show Responses	47
answered question	47
skipped question	0

7. Please enter any additional comments.	Download
	Response Count
Show Responses	12
answered question	12
skipped question	35

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My maiden name is Foltz - I've been a resident since I was 5 years old (now 30) and LOVE Waterboro very much!

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I board members should be required to take education class concerning running meetings

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This is easier than a special meeting that one might not be able to attend.

2/16/2012 5:36 PM [View Responses](#)

Jobs well done, keep up the good work!

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We moved here in 2010 and think you are doing a great job running this town. Keep up the good work!!!

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Though this survey is a good tool, I feel it should have been mailed to every citizen of Waterboro. Not everybody knows of this site or has internet. Informed people can make the best choose, not learn or changes after the fact.

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During the town elections, could you do a survey like this one either via a separate table or a ballot labeled "non binding poll". I appreciate the work you are doing on this

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Can't answer the selectman question until I know about a Town Manager which should be top priority. Can't keep running the Town with just an administrator. It's time to pay someone who has the education and knowledge that a good manager would have.

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I question how the referendum votes on operating would be structured - ine item voting?

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Taxes in the current economy with home values dropping are too high...especially around Ossipee Lake seasonal properties.

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Waterboro functions fairly well. There are areas that need some tweaking - the Town Administrator position needs attention or assistance so that directives from the Seleboard can be implemented in a timely manner. The Selectboard should continue to aim for its long[term goals. The efforts to include citizen input are much appreciated. We love living in Waterboro.

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I believe a 3 member board would be asking for trouble as a majority would only involve 2 good buddies agreeing on whatever they want.

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