

Town of Durham  
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

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Meeting Minutes

August 23, 2006

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**Call to Order**

The Charter Revision Commission (CRC) met at the Town Hall on Wednesday, August 23, 2006. Chairman Mark McLaughlin called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Members Present: Carol Kleeman, John Corona, Alice Tucker, Betty Long, Martin French, Mark McLaughlin, Laura Francis

Chairman McLaughlin explained that the purpose of tonight's meeting was for the Charter Revision Commission (CRC) to discuss a report dated August 21, 2006 from Town Counsel with a legal opinion about proposed wording in several sections of the revised Town Charter and to have the opportunity to act on those opinions.

**Section 4.8(3) The First Selectman – Duties as Chief of Police**

Motion by Carol Kleeman, seconded by John Corona and Betty Long to remove "the Resident State Trooper" from language proposed for section 4.8(3). Motion passed unanimously.

**Section 6.1 Board of Education**

Motion by John Corona, seconded by Carol Kleeman to add the following sentence to section 6.1: *This method of election is contingent on the approval of a District referendum providing for a four-year term for the Regional Board of Education. Otherwise, the method will revert to the previous method of election by town meeting.* Motion passed unanimously.

**Action on Corrected Final Charter Revision**

Motion by John Corona, seconded by Laura Francis to send the corrected final revision of the Town Charter to the Board of Selectmen. Motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by John Corona, seconded by Martin French to approve the minutes of August 7, 2006 with the following corrections:

- Page 3, second sentence of section for 3.3, add the word "not" so sentence reads "...the CRC has been careful and stringent about not adding unnecessary language."
- Page 5, correct spelling of name of consultant to Randi Frank.
- Page 9, correct response by Chairman McLaughlin to question from Ron Melnick to read "Chairman McLaughlin replied that the group felt it would be inappropriate to do so."

Motion to approve minutes of August 7, 2006 as corrected passed unanimously.

Motion by Betty Long, seconded by Laura Francis to approve the minutes of August 23, 2006 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Alice Tucker*