

ASHLAND CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 30, 2018

Ashland Town Hall – Room A

Members in attendance: Alexis Christopher (Alexis), Joe Magnani (Joe), KG Narayana (KG), Steve Greenberg (Steve), Vice Chairman Ken Rush (Ken) Chairman Roberta Soolman (Roberta)

Members absent: Betsy Emberley (Betsy)

Residents: None

Call to order: 7:00 pm

1. Welcome and Introductions: Roberta welcomed everyone.

2. Review of the Public Records Request decision from the Secretary of State's Public Records Division dated January 24, 2018 regarding a Public Records request filed by Stephen Morgan dated 11/26/17:

Mr. Morgan is appealing the finding of this decision to the Secretary of State. He believes that he is entitled to the redacted information that covered:

- a) Attorney / Client privileged information, and
- b) Personal information not pertinent to the original request.

Discussion was tabled at this time.

3. Approve minutes of meeting on January 11, 2018.

The committee members reviewed the draft meeting minutes and came up minor wordsmith changes. Motion made by Steve to approve minutes with minor changes, seconded by KG, vote 5-0-1 (Joe not at that meeting).

4. Discussion of the Board of Selectmen's (BoS) Amendments to the Charter Review Committee's Recommendations and vote, if necessary:

The committee reviewed the Charter document with CRC corrections dated 7/25/2017 and the 7/26/2017 BoS meeting minutes.

Because of the numerous issues, the committee decided to have Roberta create the PDF files and forward them to the BoS. She will prepare one redlined document showing all the changes and one clean document which incorporates the changes.

The committee will wait to hear from the BoS when the Public Hearing meeting will be held. It was determined that two of the CRC members would not be available on various dates which we will try to accommodate.

Next Steps:

- a) Roberta to send two PDF files to BoS.
- b) Charter Review Committee will vote on the 1/30/18 meeting minutes at the Public Hearing or prior to the May Town Meeting.

Adjourn: KG moved, Steve seconded, motion passed 6-0-0 at 8:12pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Alexis Christopher

Documents referenced during the meeting:

- a) Draft Charter Review Committee Minutes, dated January 11, 2018
- b) Draft Board of Selectmen Minutes, dated July 26, 2017
- c) Ashland Town Charter with Notes for 2016/2017 Recommendations; FINAL TO BOARD OF SELECTMEN – 5/31/2017; CORRECTED 7/25/17
- d) Ashland Town Charter with Notes for 2016/2017 Recommendations; FINAL TO BOARD OF SELECTMEN – 5/31/2017; CORRECTED 7/25/17; BOS AMENDMENTS 7/26/17;
- e) Recreated Ashland Town Charter with Notes for 2016/2017 Recommendations; FINAL TO BOARD OF SELECTMEN – 5/31/2017; CORRECTED 7/25/17; BOS AMENDMENTS 7/26/17;
- f) Decision from the Secretary of State's Public Records Division dated 1/24/18 regarding a Public Records request filed by Stephen Morgan dated 11/26/17

Please note: these minutes are a representation of the action and discussion at the Charter Review Committee meeting and are not a verbatim transcript.