



CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING • 127 ELM STREET • MILLBURY, MA 01527-0632

Minutes, November 5, 2009

Present: Francis King; Donald Gauthier; Kathy Anderson; Thomas Reilly; John Bartosiewicz; Leslie Vigneau; Sandra Cristo; Michael O'Connor; Jack Alicandro

Absent:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Members reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting comments and concerns were addressed. A motion was made by D. Gauthier to accept the previous week's minutes, seconded by J. Bartosiewicz. Motion carried unanimously.

F. King announced that William Borowski resigned from the Charter Review Committee due to scheduling conflicts. The School Committee then appointed Jack Alicandro to the Charter Committee and was introduced to the members.

Members from the School Committee came to address their concerns. Members present included Arthur Corey, Jane Brady Pojani and Thomas Clawson.

J. Pojani and T. Clawson talked about the process that the School Committee works when submitting their budget and how Millbury (and other towns) is at a disadvantage because the state releases their budget months after the town is required to submit theirs. In some instances the School Committee can miss out on available state aid.

M. O'Connor mentioned the possibility of having the School Committee bring up this issue to the Board of Selectmen and also suggested that maybe the Town Meeting dates could be rescheduled to better accommodate the budget.

A. Corey brought up the fact that the description for Town Manager has to be "cleaned up". There have been many qualified candidates in the past but because they do not meet requirements, they could not be considered for the job. He believes that Section 8-5B-b "have served full time as the chief administrative officer of a city or town (under any title) for not less than two years" needs to be revised.

Motion made by K. Anderson to adjourn at 8:52 p.m., seconded by T. Reilly. Motion carried unanimously. The next scheduled meeting is on November 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

John Bartosiewicz, Clerk, Charter Review Committee