

Town of Hartford, Vermont

4th Charter Review Commission

Minutes of 9 Nov 2016

Present: Simon Dennis, Chair; Gayle Ottman, Vice Chair; F. X. Flinn, Clerk; Scott Johnson; Eric Michaels; Leo Pullar

Simon Dennis called to order 7:10pm

Agenda reviewed, no changes.

1. Committee members caught up on their current activities.
2. Approved the minutes of 10/19/2016 and 11/2/2016 with minor corrections involving who seconded what. (Dennis, Johnson, Unanimous.)
3. Town manager Leo Pullar did a presentation to the committee about the offices of Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Listers, Trustees of Public Funds. Discussion ensued. A series of decisions were reached:
 - Town Treasurer should remain an elected position (consensus).
 - Town Clerk should be an appointed position, but done in such a way that the clerk's independence around election and other statutory duties will be preserved. Will ask Giuliani for suggestion how to accomplish this. (Dennis, Ottmann 2nd, 4 aye, 1 abstain)
 - Trustees of Public Funds to either be eliminated or have office title retained but given to town manager, intent being to transfer jurisdiction to town accounting staff. Will ask Giuliani for suggestion how to accomplish this. (Flinn, Ottmann 2nd, unanimous)
 - Listers to either be eliminated or have office title retained but given to town assessor, intent being to transfer jurisdiction to town assessor's staff. Will ask Giuliani for suggestion how to accomplish this. (Flinn, Ottmann 2nd, unanimous)
4. Everyone to read Bloomfield and Flinn memos about town meeting cycle for discussion at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:32 pm on motion of Dennis, Michaels seconding, unanimous.