

## **Charter Commission Minutes of August 31, 2005 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Marie Eldridge at 7:05 p.m. in the second-floor conference room at the Hopkinton Fire station. Also present were Mary Pratt, Tom Irvin, Doris Carver, Beth Herlihy, Nancy Clark and Bill McRobert.

### Discussion of Introduction

Marie reviewed updated version based on last week's comments. Mary made a motion to accept the Introduction as revised. Motion was seconded by Bill. Motion passes unanimously.

Joe Markarian and Lydia Hill from the Dept. of Revenue (DOR) arrived at the meeting at 7:10. Mr. Markarian stated that he realized the amount of work that went into the charter. The comments that they are going to present are meant to be instructive and can be disregarded by the commission. The review they performed of the charter was from a technical and substantive point of view and the intent was to provide another perspective.

Joe and Lydia then went thru their "notes" with the commission. See attached "Notes – Hopkinton Charter" from the DOR.

Marie stated that she spoke with Marilyn Contreas and the person that we are to contact at the Attorney General's office is name Bob Ritchie. Two copies each of the charter have been sent to both Marilyn Contreas and Bob Ritchie. Town Counsel Larry Faiman has also been given a copy of the charter.

Marie also spoke with the printer and the charter will be able to fit on a four page insert for inclusion in the next edition of the Hopkinton Independent.

Review of minutes from the June 29<sup>th</sup> and July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mary noted that she was present at the July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting but her name was not included. Tom made a motion to accept the minutes from the June 29<sup>th</sup> meeting and the revised July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion was seconded by Bill. Motion passes unanimously.

The commission will meet next on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Fire Station. Marie asked that everyone give some thought as to how the public hearing is going to play out.

Discussion of draft of minutes from the August 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. Beth agreed to revise the minutes to include the discussion regarding dissenting opinions and a minority report.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

