

Town of Johnston Charter Review Commission

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Johnston Charter Review Commission

Minutes

December 7, 2023

Johnston Senior Center, 1291 Hartford Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919

I. Meeting Called to Order & Roll Call

Chairman DelFino called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Town Clerk, Vincent Baccari, Jr took a roll call

All members were present except for Susan Mansolillo

Member Charles Ainabe arrived just after the official roll call and was present

Also present were Allan Fung, Esq, Paige Macnie, Esq & Vincent P. Baccari, Jr, Town Clerk

II. New Business

- **Approval of the minutes from the November 27, 2023 meeting**

Joseph Andriole made a motion to accept the minutes of the November 27, 2023 meeting

The motion was seconded by Fred Iafrate

Motion carried by unanimous vote

- **Discussion of Article I entitled Basic Provisions Town of Johnston Town Charter**

Chairman DelFino took Sections 1.1 to 1.3 of Article I individually and asked for comments from the Commission

The Commission had no suggested changes at this time

- **Public Comment on Article I**

Chairman DelFino asked if there was anyone from the public that wanted to speak

There were no public comments

- **Discussion of Article II, entitled Elections of the Town of Johnston Town Charter**

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Chairman DelFino took Sections 2.1 through 2.6 of Article II individually and asked for comments from the Commission

Short discussions ensued regarding changing references of Chairman to Chairperson

Robert Piscione made a motion to that everything in the Charter will be changed to a gender-neutral reference

The motion was seconded by Joesph Andriole & Arnold Vecchione

The motion passed by unanimous vote

The Commission had no suggested changes to these sections at this time

- **Public Comment on Article II**

Chairman DelFino asked if there was anyone from the public that wanted to speak regarding section of Article II

There were no public comments

At this time, a short discussion ensued regarding a procedure for if certain sections that were already reviewed needed to be revisited at a future time in the review process

- **Discussion regarding scheduling of future meetings and sections to be discussed**

Future dates and potential sections for review for the next meeting were discussed

The next meeting will take place on January 4th, 2024 for the review of Articles III & IV

III. Adjournment

Mr. Andriole made a motion to adjourn

The motion was seconded by Mr. Vecchione

The motion passed by unanimous vote

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Submitted by:

Vincent P. Baccari, Jr., Town Clerk