

# Town of Johnston Charter Review Commission

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*Karen Clark, Esq*



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*Susan Mansolillo*  
*Robert Piscione*  
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*Randy Urena*  
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## Johnston Charter Review Commission

### Minutes

**February 1, 2024**

at the

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

#### I. Meeting Called to Order & Roll Call

Chairman DelFino called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Town Clerk, Vincent Baccari, Jr took a roll call

All members were present except for Charles Ainabe, Joseph Andriole, Karen Clark & Nicole Corbin and Arnold Vecchione

Also, present were: Allan Fung, Esq & Vincent P. Baccari, Jr, Town Clerk & Thomas Deller, Director of Planning and Public Services

Chairman DelFino noted that a quorum was present

#### II. New Business

- **Approval of the minutes from the January 18, 2024 meeting (Vote may be taken)**

Robert Piscione made a motion to accept the minutes of the January 18, 2024 meeting

The motion was seconded by Fred Iafrate

Motion carried by unanimous vote

- **Discussion of Article X entitled "Department of Public Works" (Votes may be taken)**

Director of Public Services, Thomas Deller Discussed the departments that fall under Public Works

A discussion ensued regarding possibly adding a provision for responses to emergency situations regarding storms

No other changes were recommended

- **Public Comment on Article X**

There were no comments from the public

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- **Discussion of Article XI entitled “Police Department” (Votes may be taken)**

A recommendation was made to possibly change the “three years above patrolman” requirement for consideration for the position of Chief

Chairman DelFino noted requests that were sent through the Town Clerk from Chief Vieira including:

Increasing the probationary status in Section 11-1-2 to twelve months from six months, removing the residency requirement and removing in its entirety, Section 11-1.3 regarding appointing special policemen

- **Public Comment on Article XI**

There were no comments from the public

- **Discussion of Article XII entitled “Fire Department” (Votes may be taken)**

Chairman DelFino noted a request that was sent through the Town Clerk from Chief Iannuccilli to remove the residency requirement in Section 12-1.2

It was also discussed to remove the word “Adequate” from section 12-1

- **Public Comment on Article XII**

There were no comments from the public

- **Discussion of Article XIII entitled “Department of Health” (Votes may be taken)**

A recommendation was made to remove Section 13, Department of Health in its entirety

A motion was made by Ronald Bianchi to remove Section 13 in its entirety

The motion was seconded by Stephen Mandarelli

Motion passed by unanimous vote

The motion was then withdrawn to allow for public comment

After asking for public comment, A motion was then made by Ronald Bianchi to remove Section 13 in its entirety

The motion was seconded by Stephen Mandarelli

Motion passed by unanimous vote

- **Public Comment on Article XIII**

There were no comments from the public

- **Discussion of Article XIV entitled “Department of Public Welfare” (Votes may be taken)**

**Discussion ensued regarding this article and it was noted that the Welfare Director had not been notified of the meeting**

A motion was made by Fred Iafrate to table Article XIV and send notice to the Welfare Director for the next meeting

The motion was seconded by Susan Mansolillo

Motion passed by unanimous vote

- **Public Comment on Article XIV**

There were no comments from the public

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- **Discussion regarding scheduling of future meetings and sections to be discussed (Votes may be taken)**

The next meeting is scheduled for February 8, 2024 for the discussion of Article XV, School Department and also Article XIV-Department of Public Welfare

A Meeting will also be scheduled for February 15, 2024 for the discussion of Article XVI- Personnel

Meeting dates also will be scheduled on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 & February 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024

### III. Adjournment

A motion was made by Fred Iafrate to adjourn the meeting

The motion was seconded by Stephen Mandarelli

Motion passed by unanimous vote

The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.