

Town of Johnston Charter Review Commission

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Johnston Charter Review Commission

Minutes

February 22, 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 Nicole Corbin, Fred Iafrate and Randy Urena

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

a quorum was present

II. New Business

Approval of the minutes from the February 8, 2024 meeting

Ronald Bianchi made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 1, 2024 meeting

The motion was seconded by Joseph Andriole

Motion carried by unanimous vote

Chairman DelFino stated for the record that any interested parties for pertinent sections of the Charter being discussed have been notified of the meetings

- **Discussion of Article XVI entitled "Personnel"**

Chairman DelFino opened the discussion starting with section 16-1

No changes were recommended for Sections 16-1 & 16-2

16-3: A recommendation was made to add language to bring the section in agreement with Collective Bargaining Agreements

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16-7: A recommendation was made to add the words “At Least” before “six-months” regarding the probationary period

16-10: A recommendation was made to remove the word “Officers” and to add language to bring the section in agreement with Collective Bargaining Agreements and to also add this language separately in each section where it is required

16-12: A recommendation was made to add an additional sentence at the end of the paragraph to allow the Town to enter into contracts with consultants related to retirement plans as needed
No other changes to the section were requested

- **Public Comment on Article XVI**

There were no comments from the public

- **Discussion of Article XVII entitled “Planning Board**

Chairman DelFino opened the discussion starting with section 17-1

17-2-2: A recommendation was made to remove the language regarding the notice of hearing requirements and to replace it with the language of “Notice shall be in accordance with the Rhode Island General Laws”

No other changes were recommended in Article XVII

- **Public Comment on Article XVII**

There were no comments from the public

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

The next meeting will take place on February 29, 2024 for the discussions of Article XVIII- Other Offices and Commissions, XIX- General Provisions, XX-Succession in Government & XXI- Inauguration of New Charter Government

Future meetings are also scheduled for March 14th & March 21st

III. Adjournment

A motion was made by Joseph Andriole to adjourn the meeting

The motion was seconded by Arnold Vecchione

Motion passed by unanimous vote

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Submitted by: Vincent P. Baccari, Jr, Town Clerk