

Town of Johnston Charter Review Commission

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Johnston Charter Review Commission

Minutes

February 29, 2024

at the

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

I. Meeting Called to Order & Roll Call

Robert Piscione 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 Chairman, Richard DelFino, Jr., Fred Iafrate, Randy Urena & Susan Mansolillo

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 22, 2024 meeting

Joseph Andriole made a motion to accept the minutes of the February 22, 2024 meeting

The motion was seconded by Stephen Mandarelli

Motion carried by unanimous vote

- **Discussion of Article XVIII entitled “Other Offices and Commissions”**

Robert Piscione opened the discussion starting with section 18-1

No changes were recommended for Sections 18-1 through 18-6

- **Public Comment on Article XVIII**

There were no comments from the public

- **Discussion of Article XIX entitled “General Provisions”**

Mr. Piscione opened the discussion starting with section 19-1

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19-1 A discussion took place regarding adding language to enable one ballot question to change language in multiple sections such as for gender corrections and similar changes that affect multiple sections

19-2 to 19-3: No changes were recommended

19-4-2: It was recommended to strike the words “and appointed” from this section

19-4-4: Due to a conflict with RIGL 17-1-5.1, it was recommended to remove the words “State or Federal Government”

19-4-5 through 19-4-7: No changes were recommended

19-4-8: It was recommended to add introductory language stating “All elected and appointed officers and employees of the Town government, including the schools and members of the school committee shall abide by the State and Local Codes of Ethics”

19-5: No changes recommended

19-6: No changes recommended

19-7: It was recommended to add language to ensuring compliance with the State’s Access to Public Records act”

19-8: No changes recommended

19-9: A discussion ensued regarding removing the descriptions of the district boundaries as they are amended every 10 years due to the State Re-districting Law

- **Public Comment on Article XIX**

There were no comments from the public

- **Discussion of Article XX entitled “Succession in Government”**

Robert Piscione opened the discussion

There were no recommended changes to this Article

- **Public Comment on Article XX**

There were no comments from the public

- **Discussion of Article XXI entitled “Inauguration of New Charter Government”**

Robert Piscione opened the discussion

There were no recommended changes to this Article

- **Public Comment on Article XXI**

There were no comments from the public

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

The next meeting will take place on March 14, 2024 at which Ernest Almonte may make a presentation to the Commission; a future meeting date is also scheduled for March 21st

III. Adjournment

A motion was made by Arnold Vecchione to adjourn the meeting

The motion was seconded by Taylor Russo

Motion passed by unanimous vote

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

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