The April 11, 2018 Charter Commission meeting took place at the Town Council Chambers. Chairman Marcello called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm with the following members present: Sharon Johnson, Sue Lessard, David Campbell, Sacha Hummel, and Ellis Hopkins. Chairman Marcello announced that Ray Grigelevich would arrive later as he was attending another town board/commission meeting.

In the absence of our clerk, the Chair asked Mr. Hopkins to take minutes and record votes conducted during the meeting.

Mr. Campbell asked Chairman Marcello for clarification on the date of submission of the proposed Legislative Charter. Chairman Marcello replied that he hoped to have a draft ready for submission to the Town Council by the end of April.

The commission continued its review of Draft 2 (Red lined) from page 32 where the commission paused during its review on April 9th. Chairman Marcello stated that Draft 2 was identical to Draft 3, which resides on the Town of Scituate website, noting that Draft 3 does not contain Red lined edits/tracking. Chairman Marcello further stated that he will clean up Draft 2 and create Draft 4.

Mr. Tom Galligan asked if the Town Council has the ability to give themselves a raise in compensation. Chairman Marcello replied that the Town Council does have that ability.

The commission resumed reviewing Draft 2.

-Motion made by Sharon Johnson to strike Fire Department and Emergency Services from Draft 2 of the Charter. Motion seconded by Dave Campbell. Voting in favor-Hummel, Lessard, Johnson, Hopkins. Voting opposed-Marcello. Motion passed.

-Motion madeby Sacha Hummel to accept the description of Director of EMA , expressed in the March 20th version of the initial Draft of the Charter with the addition of 3-5 years of experience. Motion seconded by Dave Campbell. Voting in favor-All. Motion passed.

-Motion madeby Dave Campbell to add to the qualification of Director of Public Works that an Associate’s Degree is preferred but in no predetermined course of study. Motion seconded by Chairman Marcello. Voting in favor-All. Motion passed.

-Motion madeby Sharon Johnson that Chapter 11 of Draft 2 of the Charter be accepted as written. Motion seconded by Dave Campbell. Voting in favor-All. Motion passed.

-Motion madeby Dave Campbell that the Town Building Inspector be appointed by the Town Manager. Motion seconded by Sharon Johnson. Voting in favor-All. Motion passed.

-Motion madeby Dave Campbell that the chapter on Public Works be accepted as written. Motion seconded by Ellis Hopkins. Voting in favor-All. Motion passed.

-Motion madeby Dave Campbell that the description/qualifications of the Zoning Enforcement Officer be accepted as written. Motion seconded by Sacha Hummel. Voting in favor-All. Motion passed.

-Motion madeby Sharon Johnson that the Charter Review Committee be required to conduct a review of the town charter after an initial 3-year period and then every 5 years after. Motion seconded by Dave Campbell. Voting in favor-Campbell, Hummel, Johnson. Voting opposed-Lessard, Marcello, Hopkins. Motion fails.

-Motion madeby Ellis Hopkins that the Charter Amendment process be accepted as written in Draft 2. Motion seconded by Dave Campbell. Voting in favor-All. Motion passed.

-Motion made by Sacha Hummel to accept the passage of Succession in Government. Motion seconded by Dave Campbell. Voting in favor-All. Motion passed.

The Member Hopkins reviewed the re-draft of Boards and Commissions (Version 3). Chairman Marcello offered that the Economic Development and Recreation Commissions contain seven (7) members each. The commission further decided to remove the paragraph on the Charter Commission as it is addressed elsewhere in the charter. Mr. Rob Bower addressed the commission on behalf of the Land Trust, offering a funding arrangement to earmark monies for open spaces. The commission decided to leave that specific funding arrangement to the provisions of the ordinance that establishes the Land Trust. Motion made by Susan Lessard to require all boards and commissions to record the reason for a member’s excusal from meetings. Seconded by unknown. Voting in favor-Hummel, Lessard, Marcello, Johnson. Voting opposed-Campbell, Hopkins. Motion passes.

Mr. Ray Grigelevich arrived at 8:19 pm.

-Motion made by Chairman Marcello to accept the changes/edits to Draft 2 as amended. Motion seconded by Sacha Hummel. Voting in favor-All. Motion passes.

Carolyn Dias, Member of the School Committee, arrived to address the Charter Commission. Chairman Marcello outlined the draft proposal for sharing financial management (Chapter 8, paragraph E) between the Finance and School Departments. Ms. Dias reported that school financing is different than municipal financing and cited three examples where financial management sharing was detrimental to the affected school department. Sharon Johnson made a motion to remove paragraph E from Draft 2. Motion seconded by Dave Campbell. Voting in favor-All. Motion passes.

Chairman Marcello stated that the commission still had to determine the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of the Directors of Senior and Social Services and Recreation.

Ray Grigelevich made a motion that the charter address whether or not the Town Manager may engage in additional/other employment. Motion seconded by Dave Campbell. The commission discussed this topic and the motion was withdrawn by Mr. Grigelevich. Sharon Johnson discussed the Town Manager MPA qualification, remarking that the proposed qualification is too limiting.

Chairman Marcello stated that all final changes from the commission members must be submitted to him no later than April 16th.

Ray Grigelevich made a motion to authorize Chairman Marcello to organize Draft Version 4 (Draft 3 resides on town website) by section and re-codify the document. Motion seconded by Sharon Johnson. Voting in favor-All. Motion passes.

Mrs. Marti Bower asked if the Tax Assessor could have other employment and how the Town Solicitor is paid.

The commission voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:03.