A meeting of the Charter Commission was held on Monday, September 25, 2017 at the Hope Elementary School, RI. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Michael Marcello, Chair.

Members Present: Michael Marcello, Sharon Johnson, Susan Lessard, Sacha Hummel

David Campbell, Ellis Hopkins III, Vincent Ferrara

Motion made by Sacha Hummel, seconded by Ellis Hopkins and voted to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2017 meeting.

Chair Marcello gave an overview of the commissions activity to date. He then gave a presentation on a legislative charter. (attached)

After the presentation, Chair Marcello opened the meeting up to members of the audience for questions.

Topics discussed were the need for a town manager, terms, term limits, staggered terms, recall provision, and voting districts.

Member Ferrara discussed the need for a town manager. He suggested reviewing the charter in two years for necessary changes once the charter is in place.

Fred Faria thanked the Commission for their work. He said he likes the idea of having five districts in town. He said a qualified town manager is needed.

Mary Morse said she would like to see staggered terms for Town Council and School Committee.

More discussion continued.

The next meeting will be on October 2, 2017 at Town Hall.

Motion made by Sacha Hummel, seconded by Ellis Hopkins, and voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 pm.

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Gloria Taylor, Clerk

Refer to recording for complete discussion