

Prospect Town Council
Special Meeting
Approved Minutes
August 2, 2016

Chairman Thomas J. Galvin called to order the Special Meeting of the Prospect Town Council @ 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held at Prospect Town Hall, 36 Center Street and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: T. Galvin, Jeff Slapikas, Al Delelle, D. Merriman, C. Graveline, S. Pilat Carla Perugini-Erickson @ 7:10 p.m. and L. Fitzgerald

Members Absent: Pat Geary

CRC Members in Attendance: Glenn Gruber, Chairman Charter Revision Commission, Colleen Debiase (Clerk), James Paulella, Eileen Cranney, Bob Nash, Paul Krisavage and Katie Blinstrubas

Also in Attendance: Attorney John Yarbrough and Attorney Robert J. Santoro

Public Participation: None

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Robert J. Chatfield thanked the CRC for their dedication on working to revise the Town's Charter.

The Mayor continued by informing the Council of the demolition to the Nolan House @ 5 Cheshire Road. Mayor Chatfield also stated that the Community School roof project had been completed by two contractors, K & S of Prospect and Gold Seal of Thomaston, with a cost of \$202,547.00.

Chair's Report:

Glenn Gruber, the Chairman of the Charter Revision Commission gave the Council the Final Report (Schedule A) with associated documents including the proposed Charter Revision Referendum Questions (Schedule B), Summary CRC Considers Recommended Changes from Town Council Summary (Schedule C) and the Schedule for the Town Council for the Charter Revision – 2016 (Schedule D). G. Gruber explained that the CRC accepted all, but one: Elected vs. Appointed: Section 2.01 General/Sections 6.15, 6.16 and 6.17: The CRC stated that they: 'voted all in favor to appoint the Town Clerk, Town Treasurer and Tax Collector, rather than elect'. G. Gruber also explained that the CRC voted 7-1 to reinstate the original paragraph to Section 7.02 Fire Department: 'The Volunteer Fire Department of Prospect, Inc. shall continue to function with members making their own rules and by-laws, electing their Chief and other officers and members, and otherwise controlling its own affairs'. G. Gruber continued that the Town Council could not edit, only delete or accept the changes as submitted. G. Gruber added that the Council would need to decide if the vote on the Referendum Questions would be by a special election or by general election. G. Gruber also commented that the Council

needed to vote on the acceptance or rejection of the Final Report by August 17, 2016 and publish the document, at least once, within 30 days of approval. Attorney John Yarbrough also agreed that the Final Revision should be published in its entirety. A general discussion took place regarding submitting the Referendum Questions for publication. Attorney Yarbrough stated that the Referendum Questions could be published to allow the public time to review the document. Attorney Yarbrough stated that the date of August 17, 2016 was to accept or reject and to decide if a special vote or by general election was to be made. T. Galvin called for a motion. **Motion** made by D. Merriman, seconded by C. Graveline to accept the Final Report as proposed and to commend the CRC for the effort and diligence on their work of this Charter Revision. **Unanimous.**

T. Galvin thanked the CRC for their hard work and advised that there would be a celebration at the Community Room of Regency at Toll Bros. on August 30th at 6:00 p.m. for the CRC and Town Council members.

A general discussion took place regarding setting additional meeting dates. **Motion** made by J. Slapikas, seconded by C. Graveline to set the meeting date of August 8, 2016 @ 5:00 p.m. at Town Hall in the large conference room with an additional meeting date of August 11, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall for the ongoing discussion of the Charter Revision documents and questions with no final vote until the regular meeting of the Town Council on August 16, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m. **Unanimous.**

Approval of the Minutes of July 19, 2016.

Motion made by S. Pilat, seconded by A. Delelle to approve the minutes of July 19, 2016. **6 Approved/2 Abstained, J. Slapikas and L. Fitzgerald. Motion passes.**

Correspondence:

Resignation Letter from Samuel Blinstrubas from ZBA dated 8/1/16

Final Report 8-2-16

Charter Revision Referendum Questions 7-31-16

Summary CRC Considers Recommended Changes from Town Council

Summary 8-2-16 Schedule for the Town Council for the Charter Revision – 2016 – 8-2-16

Motion made by J. Slapikas, seconded by S. Pilat to place correspondence on file.

Unanimous.

Resignation: **Motion** made by D. Merriman, seconded by S. Pilat to accept the resignation of Samuel Blinstrubas from ZBA. **Unanimous.**

Public Participation: None

J. Slapikas requested that the Council add to the Agenda for the August 16, 2016 meeting, a decision by Town Council for the Senior Tax Abatement.

Sub-committee Reports:

C. Graveline asked Mayor Chatfield if there was anything new to report on Health Insurance. Mayor Chatfield stated, not at this time.

L. Fitzgerald questioned if the Town Buildings sub-committee would be meeting. Mayor Chatfield advised that there would be no further action at this time and he would have a report before L. Fitzgerald began school on 8/31/16.

Al DeLelle reported that he is Chairman of the Audit sub-committee and the sub-committee is working on a draft to be sent to M. Battiste.

Adjournment:

Motion made by D. Merriman, seconded by L. Fitzgerald to adjourn the meeting. **Unanimous.** The meeting adjourned @ 7:30 p.m.

Thomas J. Galvin

Thomas J. Galvin, Chairman