Prospect Town Council
Special Meeting
Unapproved Minutes
June 14, 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 the Prospect Senior Center, 6 Center Street and began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was not recorded.

Members Present: T. Galvin, J. Slapikas, P. Geary, Al Delelle, C. Graveline, L. Fitzgerald, Stan Pilat, J. Slapikas, C. Perugini-Erickson @ 7:05 p.m. and Doug Merriman

Members Absent: None

Charter Revision Commission Members: Glenn Gruber, James Paulella, Bob Nash, Bob Hiscox, Paul Krisavage

Public Participation: None

Section 2.01: Elections – General: Appointment of Town Clerk, Town Treasurer & Tax Collector (by the Mayor, with the consent of the Town Council) instead of being elected. Council members raised their concerns of an appointment over an elected official. Concerns were raised as to revisions as a group, setting ground work and votes by the residents. D. Lauber, Prospect Tax Collector stated that she was very adamant on keeping the three (3) positions, Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Town Treasurer as Elected. D. Lauber stated her concern that with appointments, every time a new Mayor is elected, these positions would be terminated to allow for new appointments. D. Lauber also advised that she felt that her position, because of her hard work, was well respected and if she chose not to run or could not run, and then the pool of candidates would be increased. D. Lauber stated that her office has policies and procedures in place and conforms to General State Statutes; she did not see a need for change. Council members decided to take off the table the discussion of elected vs appointed positions.

The Council continued discussion with non-residency vs residency of employees. B. Nash commented to think for the future to 'hire' instead of 'appoint' and residency vs non-residency as 'Qualified'. T. Graveline, 20 Corinne Drive commented that 'appointed offices may be filled by persons who are non-residents of Prospect'.

Section 3.14: Salaries - Council members discussed creating a sub-committee for job descriptions and pay scales.

Section 5.02: Duties of the Mayor: The Mayor shall prepare a Transition Report for the incoming Mayor and Town Council to ensure the continuity of operations of the Town. The Council also discussed preparing a transition report for passing from Mayor 'A' to Mayor 'B'. T. Graveline suggested using this transition as a checklist to be given to the Council by the second meeting in October. L. Fitzgerald suggested calling the report a

‘State of the Town Report’. J. Slapikas stated that the ‘State of the Town Report’ should be received by the Council at the last Town Council meeting in October.

P. Krisavage suggested the following two items: Chapter 7: Section 7.01: Police Services: The Town Council shall provide Police Services as required for the safety and protection of the Town and its Citizens.

Section 7.02 Fire Dept:
The Town Council shall provide fire protection and services and medical response services as required for the Safety and Protection of the Town and its Citizens.

The Council will continue to review Section 11.01 (New Chapter): Conflict of Interest.

A Public hearing was previously set for June 21, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Prospect Town Hall. A Special Meeting will be set on June 28, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m. at the Prospect Town Hall.

Adjournment:
Motion made by D. Merriman, seconded by J. Slapikas to adjourn the meeting. **Unanimous.** The meeting adjourned @ 8:37 p.m.

Thomas J. Galvin
Thomas J. Galvin, Chairman