

***Town of York ~ Charter Commission
Workshop Meeting Minutes ~ July 21, 2011
York Senior Center***

Present: Kinley Gregg, Torbert Macdonald, David Marshall, Leon Moulton, Peter Smith

Absent: Wendy Starkey

1. Chairman Dave Marshall called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm.
2. Don Lawton and Todd Frederick attended as members of the public. Don has not yet been able to resolve the apparent conflict between his election to the Budget Committee and his previous membership on the commission. Todd is considering joining the commission and is attending to observe our activities. No other members of the public attended this meeting.
3. Workshop meeting minutes for July 13th were approved as written. As always, these minutes are subject to official vote at the next televised meeting.
4. Dave began the meeting by reviewing a draft of his thoughts relative to budget planning, a new voting process related to zero-based budget approval, and more balanced roles between the budget committee and the Board of Selectmen in terms of this budget setting process.
5. Members of the commission raised questions about several details of the proposed changes to the current budget setting process, but agreed with the overall approach. The members also offered a few changes to the draft text to strengthen the message.
6. The members reviewed the most recent revisions to Article 8.
7. Several changes were proposed for *Article 8.3 – Petition for an Unbudgeted Capital Expenditure*.
8. Review of Article 8.4 - *Petition to Recall an Elected Official* resulted in significant proposed revisions. Particular attention was paid to the timing of a public hearing and scheduling the recall election itself.
9. Once again, members were encouraged to recruit any qualified candidates they might be aware of for membership on our commission.
10. Until further notice, meetings are scheduled every week on Wednesdays.
11. The next meeting is scheduled for July 27th from 5:00pm – 7:30pm at the York Public Library.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Smith, Secretary