

Town of Lyman Charter Commission
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2022

Members present - Michelle Feliccitti, Judy St. Onge, Don Herson, Jessica Picard, Rod Hooper, Peg Macdonald

Members on Zoom - Celeste Hatch, Dave Alves

Members Absent - Amber Swett

Public Attendance -

Called to order (went live) - 6:07

Approval of meeting minutes on hold due to Amber's illness

Old Business -

*Fair Hearing Committee: Rod will take and reword Article 4 from Fair Hearing "Officer" to "Fair Hearing Board". Wording about including the misbehaving selectman to be added. Wording to be added about how many the committee consists of and how the board gets appointed.

*Rod asked for a copy of our draft to see where we are at and all the changes we made. Michelle said she would put together a Word format and name it 2022 Charter Draft. Said she should be able to get it done and printed out and can supply copies for the next meeting.

*Ordinance Review Committee - David Alves suggests that a guideline for how the ordinance review committee is formed should be placed in the Charter. Don Herson suggested that the Charter should merely roughly outline that we have an ordinance review committee. We spoke about adding "Property Rights" in our definition section. The issue was tabled and Jess asked that everyone take a look at the issue independently and come back to the table with some ideas.

*Code of Conduct/Ethics: We reviewed section 809 of attachment F.

*Rod suggested that we need to add some form of Nepotism Policy. Don is going to share the by-laws of the Planning Board and this specific issue was tabled until we can all read those bylaws.

- *Jess to re-word the "Self-Benefit" section

- *Number 5 to be added for social media

- * Jess to come with some Social Media wording

*Term Limits: perhaps we should put this as a separate issue on the ballot. Limited discussion on this topic.

*Splitting the town meeting - Perhaps put some words in the charter that gives the selectman the option to split it up.

*Charter Amendments/Revisions - Ask the lawyer about switching the word to "shall".

New business -

*Discussed in Old Business that Michelle will print out a copy.

*Don discussed that we need to make sure that we come up with the list of changes to make sure we are complying with state law.

*Rod discussed Greg Zinzer's meeting by zoom next week along with Tammy's in-person meeting.

*We discussed the decision to be in the executive session when our visitors come. The consensus was that it needs to be so that our visitors can speak freely.

*We discussed being on track for our March 8 deadline.

Rod made a motion to adjourn.

Seconded by Peggy Macdonald

Adjourned at 7:51