

**Town of Chelsea
Charter Commission Public Hearing
March 11, 2013, 6:30 PM
Chelsea Elementary School**

Members Present:

Barbara Skehan, Charles Skehan, Peter Hanson, Richard Danforth, Scott Ludwig, Ben Smith, Maria Jacques, Elizabeth Cousins

Members Excused: Elizabeth Larrabee

1. Call to Order

The Hearing was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Ben Smith, Chairman. Members of the Charter Commission introduced themselves.

2. Public Input

Ben Smith explained that this Public Hearing of the Charter Commission was being conducted in accordance with 30-A M.R.S.A. § 2103(5) for the purpose of receiving views, opinions, and comments from members of the public relating to the Proposed Municipal Charter for the Town of Chelsea and Charter Commission Preliminary Report issued February 1, 2013 by the Charter Commission. Ben Smith stated that the charter is a result of the input of the initial public hearing last May and several meetings of the Charter Commission. He explained the process that gave rise to the Commission's recommended Charter which was based on review of several municipal charters and more than a dozen meetings of the Charter Commission at which time the proposed charter was discussed, drafted, edited, and revised. The first Public Hearing of the proposed charter was held on February 11, 2013. Ben Smith explained that the two public hearings were opportunities for members of the public to comment on the preliminary report and draft charter and that the Commission would consider these comments prior to preparing a final report. Following this hearing the Commission will consider recommendations from each of the hearings and expects to present the final report and proposed charter to voters during the June 2013 election.

Pat and Andy Finale

- Impressed with the content; can't think of anything that was forgotten.
- Liked how the Charter defined processes rather than try to anticipate every possible situation.
- Length was not a problem because it was very reader friendly.
- Agreed with having a three person Board of Selectmen because it may be difficult to find five persons willing to serve.

Barbara Skehan

- Ask for clarification regarding the duties of the Code Enforcement Officer when serving as the Building Inspector and Public Health Officer.

3. Other Business

There was no other business.

4. Adjournment

Beth Cousins made a motion to adjourn the hearing. Peter Hanson provided a second. The motion passed and the hearing was adjourned at 7:50 pm.