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Seekonk Charter Committee
Meeting - 12/15/17

Present: Kyle Laprade, John Alves, Beth Eklund, Bob Richardson, David Saad,
David Sullivan

Meeting started 1:06pm

Beth Eklund made motion to approve 11/17 minutes
Seconded by David Saad
Approve unanimously

Discussion on change in form of town government - No decision

Discussion on Article 3
Dave Sullivan made a motion to change from 15% to 10%
Seconded by Beth Eklund

Section 4 Recall of Elective Officers

Any elective officer of the town may be recalled and moved from office by the voters as herein provided. Any voter may file a petition containing the name and title of the elective officer whose removal is sought with the Town Clerk. **Such petition shall be signed by qualified voters of the town equal in number to at least fifteen percent (10%) of those registered at the last regular town election, provided that such recall petition must be filed within fourteen (14) days following its initial date of issuance.** If, within ten (10) days following receipt of the petition the Town Clerk determines the petition and signatures to be sufficient, a recall election shall be held within ninety (90) days but no sooner than sixty-five (65) days thereafter, provided that no such election shall take place within one hundred to one hundred twenty (100-120) days. All procedures or voting upon the recall question shall be in the same manner as provided in Massachusetts General Law for the conduct of elections.

Approve: 5 -1 in favor

Section 5 - no changes

Article 4

Beth Eklund made motion to add in section 1 part "A" ... "for 3 year overlapping terms"
Saad seconded

Section 1 General Provisions

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- (A) Five (5) member Board of Selectmen **for three (3) year overlapping terms.**

- (B) A Town Moderator, for a three (3) year term.

- (C) A Town Clerk, for a three (3) year term.

- (D) Five (5) member School Committee, for three (3) year overlapping terms.

- (E) Three (3) member Board of Assessors, for three (3) year overlapping terms.

- (F) Seven (7) member Board of Library Trustees for three (3) year overlapping terms.

- (G) Seven (7) member Planning board, for give (5) year overlapping terms.

Five (5) member Housing Authority, as provided by state, with one (1) member being appointed under the authority of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and four (4) members to be elected from the town at large for five (5) year overlapping terms.

Vote: tie

Discussion to re-organize

Beth Eklund: motion to stay as is

Seconded: John ALves

Vote; Unanimous to remain as is

Beth Eklund made motion on Article 4 section 1 (C) to make the Town Clerk a 4 year term.

Seconded by David Sullivan

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Vote: Passed 4-0 with 1 abstaining

Housing Authority discussion tabled

Discussion on creating an ombudsman

Motion to Adjourn at 2:50pm - David Saad
Seconded - Dave Sullivan

Unanimous