

## SEEKONK CHARTER COMMITTEE

January 26, 2018 Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Kyle Laprade, John Alves, Beth Eklund, Dave Sullivan and Dave Saad

Called to order at 1:15pm

Article 5

Motion to add precinct specifications – one (1) member from each precinct and one (1) at-large member to BOS by Dave Sullivan

Seconded by: Dave Saad

### **Board of Selectmen**

#### **Section 1 Composition, Term of Office, Vacancies**

A five-member Board of Selectmen shall be elected from the town at large for three year terms of office, so arranged that as an equal number of terms as possible shall expire each year.

**Add precinct specifications...1 member from each precinct and then 1 at-large member.**

Any vacancy that occurs on the Board of Selectmen more than six months prior to the next annual election must be filled promptly by a special election.

Members of the Board of Selectmen shall serve without compensation unless expressly authorized by a Town Meeting.

Vote: 5-0 in Favor

#### Section 2

Motion by Beth Eklund to add: **“The Board of Selectmen shall be allowed to interact but not interfere with department heads in their day-to-day activities. Any concerns with departments should be sent to the chairman. It will then be the chairman’s responsibility to relay these concerns to the Town Administrator for action. Within two weeks, if there is no action, the chairman has authority to contact the department head directly.”**

Seconded by Dave Saad

#### Inserted as such in **Section 2 General Powers and Duties**

The executive powers of the town shall be vested in the Board of Selectmen. The board shall have all of the executive powers given to Boards of Selectmen by statute and by this Charter. The Board of Selectmen shall serve as the chief policy-making agency of the town, responsible for the establishment of policy directives and guidelines to be followed by all town agencies serving under it. **The Board of Selectmen shall be allowed to interact but not interfere with department heads in the day-to-day activity. Any concerns with departments should be sent to the chairman. It will then be the**

**chairman's responsibility to relay these concerns to the Town Administrator for action. Within two weeks, if there is no action, the chairman has authority to contact the department head directly.**

Vote: 5-0 in Favor

Motion to add the following line at end of Section 2 General Powers and Duties

By Dave Sullivan

Seconded by Beth Eklund

**“The Board of Selectmen shall establish and publish the goals and objectives for the upcoming fiscal year and will be presented at the spring Town Meeting. “**

Vote: 5-0 in Favor

Motion by Dave Saad to add “Shall” before investigate in section (B)

Seconded by Kyle Laprade

The Board of Selectmen **shall** investigate and may authorize the Town Administrator to investigate any town agency or office appointed or hired by them or the Town Administrator, and they shall have access to all records they deem necessary for this purpose. In furtherance of any investigations undertaken, the Board of Selectmen may subpoena witnesses, administer oaths and take evidence, and require the production of evidence. The Board of Selectmen shall issue a final, written report within sixty (60) days after completion of any such investigation. The final report shall be filed in the office of the Town Clerk.

Vote: 5-0 in Favor

Motion to adjourn made by D.Saad at 2:50

Seconded by Kyle Laprade

Vote: All in Favor