

# Motions

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## Scheduling: Initial Public Hearings, Commission Meetings

- After some discussion, M. Grimes moved, S. Parker seconded, and the BCRC voted unanimously to schedule the initial public hearing for 7:00 PM on Wednesday, 2/19/14 in Town Hall (Room 133-34). Legal notice will go out in addition to a press release. BCRC members are encouraged to use their own contact lists for publicity. BCRC will have a de-briefing discussion after public hearing.
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Commission Meeting nights most convenient on Wednesdays or Mondays. M. Grimes will propose schedule on 2/19/14 that will get BCRC toward the "draft public hearing date" of 4/28/14 set forth in the BOS resolution

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**Charter Revision Commission  
Organizational Meeting - MINUTES  
Monday, February 10, 2014  
Brookfield Town Hall – Room 209, 7:00 PM**

Present: F. Ball, M. Grimes, S. Parker, D. Smolnik, J. Van Hise, L. Wagner, and G. Walker.

Absent: None

Also Present: W. Tinsley – First Selectman, J. Locke – Town Clerk, R. Saluga

Convene Meeting (Town Clerk to call meeting to order and chair through the election of new CRC Chairman)

- Town Clerk Joan Locke called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM
- The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Swearing-In of Commission

- Town Clerk Locke swore in all seven commissioners

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Presentation of Board of Selectmen Resolution by Bill Tinsley

- First Selectman presented the 2/3/14 BOS Resolution (copy of BOS minutes will be attached to the minutes), namely the three areas of bifurcating the annual budget referendum, recall provisions, and elected Boards and Commissions filling their own vacancies
- Town Clerk J. Locke said she has spoken with Town Attorney Tom Beecher regarding the recall provision and he will be communicating with the BCRC in the near future on what can be done by way of Charter. M. Grimes to confirm with email.

Public Comment

- R. Saluga – 32 Great Heron Lane addressed the commission with caution on making too many complex changes, the ethics section of the charter, and the definition of official employee

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#### General Discussion – Research Areas

- The BCRC members went around the table to offer their initial thoughts. M. Grimes reviewed a history of the last 5 Charter Revisions and cautioned the BCRC against a repeat of 2012 and others that failed.
- General discussion points by Commissioners included: simplicity, transparency, enhancing power of the people, few questions, and understanding pros and cons of any proposals. Support was voiced for the Town Meeting form of government and respecting the will of the electorate from 2012. While the whole Charter is on the table for review, the BCRC does not have to do a massive review.

#### Adjournment

- S. Parker moved, L. Wagner seconded and the BCRC voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley Parker – Secretary.