



TOWN OF LIMEERICK  
CHARTER COMMISSION  
55 WASHINGTON STREET  
LIMERICK, MAINE 04048

May 25, 2023, Meeting

Chairman David McLean opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the following members present: David McLean, Joanne Andrews, Wendy M. Thorne. Cynthia Mullis, Denis Crowley, and Carl Hagan were all present, Laura May, and Scott Davis, were absent.

Wendy motioned and Cindy seconded the motion to approve the minutes for the May 11, 2023, minutes.

Vote 7-0 in favor

Chairman McLean gave notice to the board that Scott Davis is resigning from the commission because he is moving.

Chairman McLean distributed to the board a draft of the proposed Charter which includes a table of contents, Limerick's origins, a brief history of Limerick, a Preamble, and a brief history of Limerick's concept of "Home Rule;" other sections were included as well as an appendix and a sample chart. David asked that the members look this over for any suggestions or corrections before the next meeting.

A copy of Maine Employee Rights Guide a list of laws concerning Powers and duties of town managers was distributed to the members.

Wendy Thorne also presented two draft proposals of a chart for Limerick.

Judy LePage Limerick's current Tax Collector gave an overview of her duties and requirements of being a Town Clerk and the changes since her first election in 2001 and requirements of establishing a new position of motor vehicle agent.

Chairman McLean introduced two other guest speakers, Don Hernon a member of the Lyman Charter Commission and Tim Pellerin current Town Manager from South Berwick. Mr. Hernon discussed the challenges his commission faced during his tenure and ongoing issues with updating the charter.

Tim Pellerin discussed his position as town manager; issues like, who enforces the charter, a sunset review period or revision period, HR issues and employee issues that are part of a town managers job description, unlike a town administrator who does not cover these issues, these issues are the responsibility of the town's selectboard.

Chairman McLean thanked the guest speakers for coming and he announced the next meeting would be Thursday June 1<sup>st</sup> instead of June 8<sup>th</sup>, explaining that we may want to meet more frequently.

Wendy motioned and Cindy seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Vote 7-0 In favor

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne L. Andrews  
Secretary