



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

April 6, 2023, Meeting

Chairman David McLean opened the meeting at 7:00 PM with the following members present: David McLean, Carl Hagan, Denis Crowley, Scott Davis, Joanne Andrews, and Wendy M. Thorne. The following were not present: Laura May, Cynthis Mullis, and Demetria Pellegrino.

The first order of business was determining that a quorum is present, there are six members in attendance signifying a quorum.

David motioned and Wendy seconded the motion to accept the minutes with a couple of corrections, vote 6-0 in favor.

Denis asked about corrections. Start was incorrectly spelled, June 14, 2023, was changed to 2022, and April 6, 2023, was changed to April 20, 2023.

David provided a proposed set of By-Laws and asked that everyone look these over and make any additions or corrections.

There was a question about adding a clause for not missing more than so many consecutive meetings, David asked Wendy to look at this and any change would go under section five.

Scott asked about face timing or remote participation for those who are unable to attend a meeting, Dave stated he would talk with Gail concerning this question.

The section in "red" on the draft pertaining to special meetings under section three will be removed from the draft.

David stated the above changes will be addressed and we will bring the By-Laws back at the next meeting.

David provided three possibilities for a mission statement and the group decided on the third choice: "It is the goal of the Limerick Charter Commission to be committed to serving the best interests of the community by improving the functioning and effectiveness of the local government. It is also the goal of

the commission to be fair and impartial during the creation of the Charter and engage the community while maintaining the community's values and aspirations.”

Next on the agenda is the Notice of Public Hearing which will take place on Thursday April 20, 2023, at the Municipal Building 55 Washington Street Limerick, Maine at 7:00 pm in the evening. This notice also lists several documents for the public to access on the Town web site, these documents have basic information to help with understanding what is a Charter. This notice will be placed in the Shoppers Guide to be in the April 12th edition, meeting the 10-day notice requirement.

David asked for suggestions for formatting the public hearing; the chair should give an overview of the Charter, ask for questions or concerns from the public thereby getting input from the community, and a power point presentation was suggested, along with Limerick's current government structure and other possibility's available for consideration.

Next was a discussion concerning the four towns that were chosen as a template for our Charter. A motion failed to use only the Charter for the Town of St. George. Denis Crowley will design a chart that outlines strengths and weaknesses from each of the four towns: St. George, Lyman, Fairfield, and Waterboro. The board will discuss this information to help with a template that will form the basis for designing a charter exclusively for the Town of Limerick. Scott motioned and Wendy seconded the motion to proceed with this method, vote was 6-0 in favor.

It was also agreed to use a power point presentation at the public hearing to include the “Charter Commission Procedures” supplied to the board by Attorney Natalie Burns.

The public hearing will be April 20, 2023, at 7:00 pm and a regular meeting on April 27, 2023, also at 7:00 pm.

Wendy motioned and Denis seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm, motion passed. 6-0 in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne L. Andrews
Secretary