

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

April 20, 2023, Meeting

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

The first order of business was a Public Hearing to allow the commission members to receive information, views, comments, and questions relating to the function of the commission and information about "What is a Charter" from the public.

Chairman McLean read the commissions mission statement that was voted on by the members and a Power Point Presentation was given outlining the 15-step Charter Commission Procedures.

Chairman McLean then asked for questions and comments from those people in the audience.

Selectboard chair Katie Proctor spoke stating she was excited for the community to consider a charter.

Johnathan Malmude spoke about SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats), different types of government, possibly doing a survey, and how will a charter affect real estate values.

Cortland Alexander had questions about what prompted this charter, being concerned about losing home rule and spoke about continuing with town meetings.

Cindy Smith, the Librarian, asked if the charter would affect the town's library.

Fire Chief Vincent Pelletier stated a charter is a good roadmap for the community and he is concerned about not having a Human Resource Director for the department heads to reach out to. He continued by stating that the fire department should be involved early on, and he is also concerned about life safety codes.

After hearing no more input from the citizens, the chairman adjourned the public hearing at 7:35 pm and announced the next meeting would be April 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne L. Andrews Secretary