

Town of Hartford, Vermont

4th Charter Review Commission

Minutes of 2 Nov 2016

Present: Simon Dennis, Chair; Gayle Ottman, Vice Chair; F. X. Flinn, Clerk; Scott Johnson; Russell North; Eric Michaels; Leo Pullar, Town Manager

Simon Dennis called to order 7:03pm

Agenda reviewed, no changes.

1. Committee members caught up on their current activities, esp with respect to WRJ Halloween weekend events.
2. Scott Johnson discussed the 'duplication' items identified in Giuliani's redline. Many of the redlined items, particularly the list of town responsibilities and town manager responsibilities are not in fact word for word in state law, and to the extent some of them are, they are spread throughout and not consolidated in one place. Leo Pullar suggested there was value in retaining the lists. Discussion continued on 'duplication' i.e., exact wording, vs 'redundancy' i.e., whether you follow the wording of state law or the charter the same actions or result occur. As Giuliani's wrote about his redline: "I have identified those Charter provisions which have elements of redundancy and duplication when compared to the general statutes"
3. Committee would like Atty Giuliani to identify the specific clauses in state law that duplicate what is in state law. It will be understood that any redline without a specific clause is a redundancy and for those items identify the title or section that covers it. Town Manager will request this.
4. Committee reviewed memo from the 2nd CRC. Only had time to look at suggestion relative to town offices. Town Manager will get committee information on activities and need for Treasurer, Listers, Trustees of Public Accounts.

Meeting adjourned 8:38 pm on motion of Johnson, North seconding, with unanimous approval.