

**Charter Commission  
November 18, 2008  
7 pm Room A  
Agenda**

Call to order

Approve minutes

Discussion with Paul Hannah, former First Selectman

- Four-year vs. two-year terms for Selectmen, First Selectman
- Should terms be staggered (if four-years)
- Other suggestions for consideration by Charter Commission

Discussion with Town Counsel Ken Bernhard

- Procedure if we adopt staggered terms for Selectmen
- Procedure for petition proposal - May we require signatures of 2% or some other % of voters?
- Current charter requires quorum of 50 at Special Town Meeting, a referendum after STM, and a simple majority of at least 5% of electorate to pass proposal. Any conflict with statutes?
- Charter states that our annual budget automatically passes unless rejected by a majority of at least 15% of the electorate. Is this in conflict with, or supersede, section 7-7 of the statutes?
- Other legal questions

Future meetings

- November 25
- December 9
- December 16
- Subgroups to begin drafting verbiage?

Other business