

Town of Harwinton Four-Year Term Taskforce

Minutes: June 30, 2010

Attendance: Chairman Tom Schoenemann, Christina Emery, Jon Fauver, Andy Kasznay, Judith Pleau, Gary Schaff, and Myrna Watanabe.

1. Call to Order

Tom Schoenemann called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Selectman's Conference Room.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Upon motion by Andy Kasznay, seconded by Myrna Watanabe, the Committee adopted the agenda.

3. Minutes

Gary Schaff suggested that a statement made by Frank Chiamonte be amended to state: "Frank also noted that a con is that a switch to a four-year term would remove the ability of the voters to have a choice *every two years*." Upon motion by Andy Kasznay, seconded by Gary Schaff, the Committee voted to approve the minutes of June 9, 2010, as amended.

4. Planning of a Public Information Meeting

The Committee wants to hold a public informational meeting with a goal of collecting information and statements from the public. A date was set of September 29, 2010 at 7 PM. Tom will draft a handout for the public meeting. Christina will send out a press release and will post signs around town.

5. Review of comments/reports from other towns with 4-year towns

A report from the Town Clerks of Roxbury, Bridgewater and Sterling was reviewed. Christina will contact the First Selectman of each town for more information.

6. Review of Summary of Investigation Draft

The draft document prepared by Tom was reviewed and discussed. Andy suggested that the names of Committee members be added. Judy will fact check item #5; Christina will fact check item #7. Jon suggested that the following disadvantages be added "voters would give up their right to vote every two years for Selectmen." Tom will revise report.

Andy Kasznay left the meeting at 7:45 PM.

Committee members discussed their own opinions on term lengths based on the information gathered to date.

7. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

8. Planning for Future Meetings

The Committee will meet next on September 22 at 7 PM to prepare for the Public Information Meeting. The Public Information Meeting will be on September 29 at 7 PM.

9. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Emery
Recording Secretary

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