

DATE: July 7, 2010

TO: Charter Commission Members

CC: John Hall, Jim Crawford

FROM: Noel Biship

RE: Membership Appointment

First Meeting: Monday, July 26th, 2010 - 7:00pm

On June 28, 2010, the Board of Selectmen unanimously appointed the following nine members to the Charter Commission.

- Ann Barton
- John Ferrara
- Dave Halibozek
- Paul Keryc
- Bob Schreck
- Mark Lynskey
- Sid Holbrook
- Pat Labbadia
- Lee Bridgewater

As you know, there were 14 individuals that were nominated and their names were as follows. Terry Aliamo - yes, Ann Barton - no, Lee Bridgewater - yes, John Ferrara - no, Dave Halibozek - no, Sid Holbrook - yes, Eve Barakos - yes, Clara Crawford - yes, Paul Keryc - no, Pat Labbadia - yes, Bob Schreck - no, Mark Lynskey - no, Mary Labbadia - no, Jeff Kriete - yes. The "yes" after the name indicates that they were currently either an elected or appointed member of a Board, Commission, or Committee and a "no" means that they do not hold any public office. This is important to note as specified in the January 28, 2010 letter (enclosed) from Attorney Wells. No more than 1/3 of the members may hold any other public office. In essence, this means that the Board of Selectmen could only appoint up to ten individuals.

The above list indicates there were seven nominees who currently don't hold any office. The Board of Selectmen agreed that we would appoint only nine so that there would not be an even number and accordingly, we chose six individuals who were currently not in an elected/appointed position. Those six individuals are referenced in the first paragraph. Additionally, we approved Pat Labbadia, Sid Holbrook and Lee Bridgewater to complete the list of nine (all three are currently in either an elected or appointed position). It is important to note the above information, since we were constrained as noted in the appointment process. As a Board, we deeply appreciate that all 14 individuals did submit letters

containing information about their background and interest in being appointed to the Charter Commission.

While not everyone could be appointed, the Board of Selectmen encourages you to continue to be actively involved with your respective responsibilities in Westbrook. This community is well served by individuals like you who volunteer at so many different levels.

I am convening the first meeting of the Charter Commission on Monday, July 26, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. The communication from Attorney Wells indicates that the first item of business is to select your own officers and establish meeting dates and times. I realize that these are the summer months and I trust that this date will not conflict with any of your personal or vacation plans. Please confirm your attendance, as soon as possible, with either Jill or Suzanne at 860-399-3040.

Once again, I thank all of you for your commitment to Westbrook's interest in moving forward with the process of establishing a Charter Commission.