

1. Pledge of allegiance
2. Role call – 10:05AM
3. Absent
  - a. Mike Pajak
  - b. Joseph Mastalerz
  - c. Ray Domey (arrived at 10:06AM)
  - d. David Whitney (pending resignation review)
4. Jim St.Amand addresses the commission
  - a. Thanks the commission for hosting the meeting
  - b. Has been on the School Committee
  - c. There was 3000+ votes for change and 2000+ votes against
  - d. His personal opinion is that the selectman form of government is pure democracy
  - e. People aren't happy with the present happenings in the government, but it's not necessarily the form of government
  - f. It should be considered to have 5 councilors and a town manager
  - g. He's curious if our recommendations can be broken down on a vote
    - i. Charles Abbate
    - ii. Did you feel the town was managed well before (with selectman)?
  - h. There was direct accountability
  - i. Officials reported at least once a week, or as needed
  - j. The accountability for elected officials shows the best form of government
  - k. There weren't the budget problems that we have today
5. Alda Yelle addresses the commission
  - a. Doesn't like that nothing goes to a town vote
  - b. The tag sale change got her upset
  - c. The government should be an open form where all is voted on

- i. Paul Burns reminds her and the people present that there cannot be any personal attacks
      - d. Wants to be able to go to a town meeting and vote
6. Grace Sheehan addresses the commission
  - a. Thinks that we are losing the right to vote on important topics
  - b. Feels there is not enough ways to be informed
7. Dan Cardin addresses the commission
  - a. He has talked to several people about the form of government: people don't like the idea of having to talk to 9 council members
  - b. Most people prefer the selectmen form of government
8. Carl Bryant addresses the commission
  - a. He is the Fire/Water Commissioner in Bondsville and believes that he represents his community
  - b. The selectmen didn't have the time needed to run the town
  - c. He hears that there is a lack of representation, but that is untrue, there is representation
  - d. He personally has never had more representation than he has now
  - e. Some parts of the charter need to be ironed out
  - f. The current process works well
  - g. He wants to look more at the original intent of the charter
  - h. He notes that the Miller Brewing company didn't come to town due to the selectmen's actions
9. David Hale addresses the commission
  - a. He has heard arguments that having selectmen is a more backwards form of government – he disagrees – it's more of a democracy
  - b. He is bothered by the recent \$7500 awarded to a councilor for services
  - c. He questions if this would have happened if it went to vote
10. Rob Ring addresses the commission

- a. Budget cuts were still being made when selectmen were present
  - b. Town meetings were dominated by single interest groups
  - c. He likes the councilor and town manager form of government
11. Carl Bryant addresses the commission
- a. He has questions for Paul Burns relating to the town council
    - i. Paul Burns – the questions will be answered at another meeting
  - b. Doesn't like that nothing goes to a town vote
12. Chairman seeks a motion to adjourn
13. Alda Yelle addresses the commission
- a. How many council members are on the board and why?
    - i. Paul Burns – The board was voted on and decided by the people
14. Grace Sheehan addresses the commission
- a. How will the vote be on the ballot?
    - i. Paul Burns – Our recommendation will be put on the ballot, the voters will decide
15. Adjournment – 10:32AM
- a. Motion – Richard Fitzgerald
  - b. Second – Charles Abbate
  - c. 6-0