



**TOWN MANAGER SEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
OF JANUARY 29, 2024**

Members: Judy Bickford, Don McDowell, Laura Streets, Richard Craig, Sara Haskins, Brian Yeaton, Christopher Moks, Craig Santenello

Absent: Chris Palermo

Guests: Martin Green, Laura Green, Donnie Blake, Tony Cote, Kristin Marriott, Jamie Jared, Melissa LeBlanc, Dan McLaughlin

**participating via Zoom*

5:45PM - CALL TO ORDER

Judy Bickford called the Charter Committee Meeting to order at 5:48PM at the Tegu Building.

5:46PM - AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

None

5:47PM - APPROVE MINUTES

This is the first meeting of the committee, so there are no minutes to approve.

5:48PM - NEW BUSINESS

1. Morristown Charter draft - review

The Town Charter committee met for the first time to explore the adoption of a town charter and a local option tax. Interim town manager, Carrie Johnson, presented a draft charter for the committee to use a starting point for review. Carrie shared information about her experience creating a charter for the Town of St Albans. The advice from the town attorney is to keep the initial charter simple and to use language already approved in other municipal charters. The committee reviewed the presented draft. It had five sections, 1: Corporate existence retained; 2: General law application; 3: Local option tax; 4: Town Manager; and 5: Recall. The first two sections are standard language to include in all charters and the committee seemed in favor of including them as presented. The committee asked if section 3 could be changed from a set amount to up to the state limit. Section 4 and 5 ensued much discussion. Some committee members expressed their desire to see section 4 defined with a deeper scope and that section 5 have a more defined description of what the reason would be to recall someone.

The committee members will research charters of similar sized towns and bring back ideas for the next meeting scheduled for February 26, 2024 at 4:30pm.

6:10PM - OLD BUSINESS

none

6:11PM - OTHER BUSINESS

none

6:12PM - ADJOURN

Please note all minutes are in Draft form and are subject to approval at the next Town Manager Search Committee meeting.