

- Call to order
- Ruggiero – introduces the goals for tonight and the timeline moving forward
 - Committee to develop a strategy and report back to Council by second October meeting
- Public Comment
 - Bill Schmidt, P5
 - Submits correspondence in person and via email (attached)
 - Discusses how the ORC was out of typical process
 - Town Charter Section 1-8
 - Does not believe that the interests of the committee represent the interests of the Town and the Council is a much more representative body as it is elected
 - Karin Chavis, P2
 - Disappointed that there are only three councilors at the meeting.
- Councilor Munson
 - Addresses the comments made by Bill Schmidt
 - Recommends reviewing the ORC document from the prior ORC to make sure that it is given its due diligence
- Councilor DeMarco
 - Committee was put together and does not believe we are making a decision on this document
 - Has a hard time saying that we know better than the people of Winthrop
- Councilor Munson
 - We are discussing process...
 - The process asks us as Councilors to weigh in based on what is written in the Charter
 - Would like to see the written K&P opinion allowing for the ORC on the off cycle
 - The charter asks us, as the R&O Committee to be the first filter on this
 - We are in this position because we are elected to be on this and represent the people
 - This deserves its due diligence, and if something fails in R&O another Councilor can make the motion independently at the full Council level
- Ruggiero explains the difference between charter and ordinance recommendations
 - Charter amendments need to be voted on by the Council, the State Legislature and the Public
 - Ordinance changes can be handled in-house
- Honan
 - We are elected Councilors, and these Charter amendments were sent to the R&O Committee. We were elected to serve the Town in these ways. We are elected to vote on each issue
- DeMarco

- Understands each side of this and sees himself as a representative of the people and doesn't know what exactly the people want here and is trying to figure it out.
- Councilor Belcher
 - There was coverage in the Transcript on this. There will be public comment
 - If we put everything up to a vote of the public we would be back to a Town Meeting style of government
- Councilor DeMarco
 - Asks Councilor Ruggiero how he voted on each recommendation during the ORC
- Councilor Ruggiero
 - Runs through his votes during the ORC at the request of colleague
- Councilor DeMarco
 - Would make an amendment to make it apply the recall to only 4 year terms, not 2 year terms
- Councilor Ruggiero
 - Advises the Committee to think of this holistically. Cannot look at each recommendation in a vacuum
- Councilor Munson
 - Asks if we can adjust these recommendations
 - How many opportunities can the public review this?
- Councilor DeMarco
 - We can ask the transcript to get involved
- Councilor Ruggiero
 - Explains the public comment up to this point. Councilor Ruggiero – according to Council President we can make any amendment to any recommendation. The document is listed on the front page of the Town website, all ORC meetings were public, all R&O meetings are public and all TC meetings are public.
 - We can ask anyone to come view/listen to any meeting
- Councilor Belcher
 - The spirit of this is to decided on what has been presented and not to re-write the entire document
- Councilor Ruggiero advises committee that during each meeting if we cover a topic, there needs to be some restraint to going back to a topic at another meeting unless it is relevant and necessary because the document is very dense and we have a timeline to adhere to.
- Recall provision discussion
 - Councilor Munson
 - There seems to be undue power for one person to run a campaign
 - Councilor DeMarco
 - There needs to be serious outrage on a decision
 - At the same time believes that a recall keeps councilors in line
 - Councilor Munson
 - The recall on a 2 year doesn't make much sense all together

- Councilor Ruggiero
 - Explains the background of the recall provision discussions at the council meeting
 - Councilor DeMarco
 - Believes that many council presidents past have been against a recall provision
- Closing Remarks
 - Councilor Munson
 - Would like to see a reason for why we even have the need to take up this document and not refer to prior ORC
 - Would like to do a side by side of all of the Towns with recalls
 - Would like a list of all the current 4 year terms so that we can make better decisions on this
 - Councilor Belcher
 - Marc had made some comments at the Council meeting regarding some of Councilor Munson's questions
 - Let's ask ourselves if these "actively solve a problem"
- Public Comment
 - Bill Schmidt, P5
 - Agrees with Councilor Belcher
 - The Council is much more representative of the people than the ORC
 - Makes the point that the vote would also need to go to the state legislature
 - Suggests for the Councilors to vote their conscious, that is what they are here to do
 - Should vote on each recommendation separately but in an order that makes sense
 - Most communities do not have a recall process
 - Free speech v ethics
 - Karin Chavis, P2
 - Disappointed Councilor Ruggiero is offering his opinion
 - The order of the recommendations was the order that they appear in the Charter itself