

8/26/09

Cumberland County Charter Commission Workshop

Members present: Claude Morgan (co-chair), John Eder, Kathleen Babeu, David Lunt, Steve Gorden, Meredith Burgess

Members absent: Richard Feeney, Lisa Villa (co-chair), Neil Jamieson

Others present: Elizabeth Trice (staff), Peter Crichton (County Manager), Vic Labrecque (Finance Director)

Notes:

Group will be setting up independent PAC with separate membership that can actively advocate for adoption of the charter.

Discussion on process; Burgess suggests group go out to public input now, without completed draft, but with a short list of “hot button” issues to get input. Suggests waiting to do forums /hearings until November and December. Before that, it’s important to work on getting input from county commissioners, department heads, and employees.

Externally, there are three sectors: legislators, municipalities, and private sector.

***All charter commission members need to review attached draft and send any comments, questions or language (including identification of any “hot button” issues) on draft to Lunt and Gorden by Wednesday, September 2nd.

Hot Button Issues:

1. Which, if any, positions should be elected?
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.