

CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Commissioners present:	Chairman Joseph Calsetta, Norman Boucher, Dave Vaicunas, Bill Hamel, Shirley King, Brian Levy, Elizabeth Gannuscio, Dave Ragon, Carl Schiessl, Bob Glamuzina and Lacinda Van Gieson
Commissioners absent:	George Austin and Sara LeMaster

- 1) **Call to Order** – Chairman Calsetta called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.
- 2) **Pledge of Allegiance** – The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.
- 3) **Public Input** – None
- 4) **Approval of the minutes for the September 2, 2014 regular meeting.**

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the September 2, 2014 regular meeting with one correction. Section 304A – the second sentence should read: “The term of office of the Registrars of Voters shall commence as provided in the Connecticut General Statutes, as they may be amended from time to time.”

Bill Hamel

Seconded by Carl Schiessl

All in Favor with threes abstentions (David Vaicunas, Norman Boucher, Bob Glamuzina)

Motion Passed

- 5) **Correspondence** – None
- 6) **New Business** –
 - a) **Review Charter Chapters VI-IX** –

Chapter VI – Appointive Personnel

Section 601 – Appointments – No change recommended

Section 602 – Vacancies – No change recommended

Section 603 – Director of Health - No change recommended

Section 604 – Town Counsel -

- A. No change recommended
- B. Change the word “He” to “Town Counsel”
- C. Change the word “He” to “Town Counsel”
- D. Change the word “He” to “Town Counsel”
- E. Change the word “He” to “Town Counsel”
- F. Delete “, by resolution,”

MOTION: To replace the word “He” with “Town Counsel” in Section 604 B,C,D, and E and delete the words “by resolution” in section 604F including the commas preceding and following the words “by resolution”.

Bill Hamel

Seconded by Norman Boucher

All in Favor with one opposed (Bob Glamuzina)

Motion Passed

Section 605 – Administrative Assistant - No change recommended – This section was deleted in an earlier revision of the Charter

Section 606 – Director of Public Works - This section to be deleted

Section 607 – Tree Warden – This section to be deleted

Section 608 – Town Engineer - No change recommended

Section 609 – Building Official - This section to be deleted

Section 610 – Emergency Management Director- This section to be deleted

Section 611 – Justices of the Peace - This section to be moved to Chapter XII – Miscellaneous Provisions, and numbered as Section 1211. The existing Section 1211 - Effective Date - will be renumbered as Section 1212.

**AT 7:27PM, THE COMMISSION RECESSED FOR A SCHEDULED TOWN MEETING.
AT 7:35PM, THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION MEETING RESUMED.**

Section 612 – Welfare Director – This section to be moved to Chapter V – The First Selectman – and numbered as Section 503.

MOTION: To delete Sections 606, 607, 609 and 610.

Bill Hamel

Seconded by Brian Levy

All in Favor, Motion Passed

MOTION: To move Section 611 – Justices of the Peace - to Chapter XII – Miscellaneous Provisions, and number it as Section 1211. Renumber the existing Section 1211 (Effective Date) to Section 1212. Move Section 612 – Welfare Director – to Chapter V as Section 503.

Dave Vaicunas

Seconded by Carl Schiessl

All in Favor, Motion Passed

Chapter VII – Appointed Boards, Commissions and Similar Bodies

Section 701 – General Powers and Procedures; Records; Compensation – No change recommended

- A. No change recommended
- B. No change recommended
- C. No change recommended
- D. No change recommended
- E. Change the word “time” to “two opportunities”, change the period to a comma and add the words “one of which may be restricted to Agenda Items Only, and add a sentence at the end that will read “One opportunity must be at the beginning of the meeting and one opportunity must be at the end.”

MOTION: To change Section 701E to read: “All Boards, Commissions and similar bodies shall include two opportunities on their agenda for the public to address issues before the body, one of which may be restricted to agenda items only. One opportunity must be at the beginning of the meeting and one opportunity must be at the end.”

Brian Levy

Seconded by Norman Boucher

All in Favor, Motion Passed

- F. Will revisit for further discussion

Section 702 – Eligibility – No change recommended

Section 703 – Vacancies – No change recommended

Section 704 – Appointed Permanent Boards, Commissions or Similar Bodies – Delete the portions of the section that read “a Redevelopment Agency, which Agency shall cease to exist no later than the date of the municipal election in November, 2001,” and the portion “there shall be established” which precedes “a Conservation Commission”.

MOTION: To delete the portions of the section that read “a Redevelopment Agency, which Agency shall cease to exist no later than the date of the municipal election in November, 2001,” and the portion “there shall be established” which precedes “a Conservation Commission”.

Bill Hamel

Seconded by Brian Levy

All in Favor, Motion Passed

Section 705 – Conservation Commission - No change recommended

Section 706 – Regional and Interlocal Agencies – No change recommended

Section 707 – Dissolution of Boards, Commissions and Similar Bodies – No change recommended

Section 708 – Creation of Permanent Boards, Commissions and Similar Bodies – No change recommended

Section 709 – Alternates to the Board of Finance – No change recommended

b) **Schedule the Charter Revision Commission meeting dates through December 2014 –**

The meetings have been scheduled for October 7, October 21, November 18 and December 2.

7) **Old Business** – None

8) **Public Input (Agenda Items Only)** – None

9) **Commissioners Comments** – None

10) **Adjournment** –

MOTION: To adjourn at 9:06 pm.

Norman Boucher

Motion Passed Unanimously

Seconded by Carl Schiessl

Respectfully Submitted,

Sharon Pfaffenbichler
Recording Secretary

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