

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
Colchester, Connecticut
Town Hall Selectmen's Conference Room
May 27, 2015
Meeting Minutes

Members present: Gregg LePage, Gary Siddell, Ursula Tschinkel, Monica Egan and Betty Wagner

Guests: Stan Soby, First Selectman and Selectmen: Rosemary Coyle, Denise Mizla, Kurt Frantzen and John Reeve. Additional guests: eight students from Bacon Academy observing.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Gregg LePage.

Additions to the agenda: None.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Mr. Siddell, second by Ms. Tschinkel to approve the April 21, 2015 minutes as presented. Vote: Four yes, one abstention. (Ms. Wagner had missed that meeting so did not vote on the minutes.)

Citizen Comments: None

Discussion with Selectmen: The Board of Selectmen reviewed Articles Four, Five, Six, Ten, Eleven and Twelve with the commission.

Article IV:

402-B: Mrs. Coyle commented that she opposes changing this section. Mr. Soby agreed. There was consensus among the Board of Selectmen that this section remain as is.

402-D: The Selectmen agreed that a two year term is not enough and suggested that all elected officials have a term of four years so there is consistency.

402- I: The Selectmen suggested that this section is acceptable as it is worded in the charter.

402 – J: The Selectmen suggested that this section is acceptable as it is worded in the charter.

Article V: There was discussion regarding whether the town should consider changing the Town Clerk and Tax Collector positions to appointed instead of elected. Discussion followed regarding whether the town should eliminate the position of Treasurer.

Article VI: Board of Finance. There was agreement that a four year term would be preferable.

Article X:

C – 1001B: There was discussion of the numbers in # 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. It was agreed that the language in #9 should be improved. The Selectmen recommended that #10 remain with the dollar amount changing to a percent.

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Article XI:

The Board of Selectmen is interested in learning the policies of other towns.

Article XII:

The Selectmen commented that department definitions should be included in the charter.

Citizen Comments: None.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Ms. Egan, second by Ms. Tschinkel. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betty Wagner".

Betty Wagner, Secretary