

**CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION**  
**Colchester, Connecticut**  
**April 27, 2016**  
**Meeting Room 2**  
Meeting Minutes

Members present: Gregg LePage, Monica Egan, Sheila Tortorigi, Donald Philips, Michael Hinchliffe and Betty Wagner  
Member absent and excused: Ursula Tschinkel.  
Guests: Selectman Denise Mizla and Merja Lehtinen.

**Call to Order:** Chairman LePage called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Additions to the Agenda:** None/

**Approval of the minutes of the April 13, 2016 meeting:** Motion by Mr. Philips to accept as presented. Second by Ms. Tortorigi. Vote: Unanimous consent.

**Citizens Comments:** None.

**Updates:** Mr. LePage updated the commission on the following:

1. The meeting schedule of the second and fourth Wednesday except Thanksgiving week has been placed on the town website.
2. Mr. LePage spoke with First Selectman Shilosky regarding funds the town has allocated for legal advice. \$10,000.00 has been budgeted for fiscal year 2016 and 2017 and there are some funds available if needed in the current budget.
3. CCM: The town is a member of CCM and the First Selectman can submit requests for research for the commission.
4. Deadline: The commission will need to finish its work by September of 2017 in order to have the suggested changes appear on the ballot in November 2017.

**Development of a Timeline:** The commission discussed steps it would take and when it would plan to take them in order to complete its work on time. The commission hopes to complete its work on the charter no later than May 1, 2017. Following completion, the commission will offer presentations to clarify the suggested changes.

There was discussion of the potential change to a four year term for all elected officials. The commission will speak with the boards that would be affected by this change for their feedback.

The commission also agreed to invite boards and commissions to offer feedback. It was also suggested that the commission hold two public forums to seek feedback from residents of the town.

It was agreed that the commission will discuss the budget process at the next meeting.

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**Citizen Comments:** None.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Ms. Egan to adjourn. Second by Mr. Hinchliffe.  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

The next meeting will be on May 11, 2016 at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Wagner  
Secretary