

CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
Colchester, Connecticut
Wednesday, June 22, 2016
Town Hall Meeting Room 3
Meeting Minutes

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Ursula Tschinkel.

Additions to the Agenda: None.

Approval of the Minutes of the June 9, 2016 Meeting: Motion to accept as presented: Mr. Hinchliffe. Second by Ms. Egan. Vote: Unanimous consent.

Citizens Comments: None.

Follow up on CFO Discussion.

Mr. Philips suggested that the commission ask the First Selectman to check with CCM (Connecticut Council of Municipalities) on our behalf regarding several of Ms. Cosgrove's concerns. The Commission seeks to know how other town charters are worded in regard to sections of the charter dealing with budgets and town meetings. The Commission agreed to compose questions to be forwarded to the First Selectman.

Begin formulating potential ballot questions.

The Commission discussed the plan to offer six questions to the town electors (that will appear on the November 2017 ballot) which will include technical improvements and grammatical corrections, potential changes from fixed dollar amounts to fixed percentages of the budget (Articles X and XI) and questions regarding elected officials. The Commission will work further on this matter.

There was discussion of the format of the current charter and whether the Commission should address that. It was agreed the next step will be to go through the charter from beginning to end so that the new members can give feedback on what was suggested by the Charter Review Commission.

Citizen Comments: None.

Adjournment.

Motion by Mr. Philips. Second by Ms. Tschinkel to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. The next meeting will be on July 13, 2016 at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,



Betty Wagner, Secretary

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