

CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
Colchester, Connecticut
October 12, 2016
Town Hall Meeting Room One
Meeting Minutes

Members present: Gregg LePage, Ursula Tschinkel, Michael Hinchliffe, Sheila Tortorigi, Monica Egan, Don Philips and Betty Wagner

Guests: First Selectman Art Shilosky, Selectman Denise Mizla, Sgt. Martinez, Colchester Resident Trooper, and nine students from the Bacon Academy Civics class.

1. Call to Order: Chairman LePage called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed our guests.

2. Additions to the Agenda. First Selectman Art Shilosky asked to be added to the agenda to discuss the Police Commission submission to the Charter Revision Commission. Chairman LePage added the request as 4.1.

3. Approval of the Minutes. Motion to accept as presented by Mr. Philips, second by Ms Tschinkel. Vote: Six in favor with Mr. Hinchliffe abstaining because he was not present at the September 28, 2016 meeting.

4. Citizen Comments. Sgt. Martinez spoke to the Commission regarding his interpretation of the potential ordinance changes previously submitted to the Charter Revision Commission by the Police Commission. First Selectman Shilosky commented on the excellent service Sergeant Martinez has been providing to the town. The commission thanked Sergeant Martinez for his input and his service to Colchester.

4.1. First Selectman Shilosky talked to the commission regarding Article IX, Appointed Boards. He is comfortable with the commission not listing the boards and commissions in Article IX since all but one are covered by town ordinance and the change will add consistency to the charter and ordinances.

5. Updates. Chairman LePage reported the following:

- a. The town attorney approved writing of an ordinance to cover the Water and Sewer Commission;
- b. He has figured the current dollar amount of each percentage in the charter according to the current town budget. 1% equals \$143,000.00.
- c. He is up to date in adding the changes the commission is thus far ready to recommend;
- d. He will not be present for the next meeting.

6. Review of the plan to re-organize some articles of the charter.

The commission spent time discussing the potential to reorganize the order of the articles in the charter to make it more cohesive and more “user friendly.” Ms. Egan suggested


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that Articles X be titled The Town Meeting, that Article XI be titled The Annual Budget Meeting, that Article XII be titled The Annual Budget Referendum, that Article XIII be titled Special Budget Referenda for Bonding and Appropriations, Article XIV be titled Other Special Referenda and Article XV be titled Fiscal Events and Budget Adjustments. If the commission approves the changes, the numbers will be changed so that Article XII, Town Departments and Administration would become Article XVI and so forth. It was suggested that the commission request input from the town Chief Financial Officer. Ms. Egan offered to meet with her. The commission was positive in its comments on the suggestion and will review the matter further before making a recommendation.

7. Citizen Comments. None.

8. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn by Ms. Tschinkel. Second by Ms. Tortorigi. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The next meeting will be on October 26, 2016 in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,


Betty Wagner, Secretary