

CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
Colchester, Connecticut
August 30, 2017, Town Hall Meeting Room One
Meeting Minutes

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

Guest. Town clerk Gayle Furman.

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gregg LePage at 7:00 p.m.

2. Additions to the Agenda. None.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the August 23, 2017 Meeting.

Motion by Mr. Philips. Second by Ms. Egan to approve as presented.

Vote: Five in favor. Two abstentions because they were not present at the meeting.
Motion passed.

4. Citizen's Comments. None.

5. Updates/Timeline. Chairman LePage discussed the timeline with the commission members. The Board of Selectmen will meet to approve the finalized questions. After they approve, the questions will be submitted to the Town Clerk by September 7, 2017.

6. Discuss Updated Charter and Approval to send to the Board of Selectmen.

The commission discussed the questions as re-written by the town attorney. It agreed to submit the questions as follows:

Question 1: Shall the Town Charter be amended to make grammatical, technical and other changes and clarifications?

Question 2: Shall the Town Charter be amended to change the terms of office of the positions of First Selectman, and members of the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance and Board of Assessment Appeals, to four year terms?

Question 3: Shall the Town Charter be amended to make changes to the annual budget meeting and update the approval of financial matters?

Question 4: Shall the Town Charter be amended to change the position of Tax Collector from an elected position to an appointed position?

Question 5: Shall the Town Charter be amended to eliminate the position of an elected Town Treasurer and transfer the statutory duties of a town treasurer to the town Department of Finance?

Question 6: Shall the Town Charter be amended to change the position of Town Clerk from an elected position to an appointed position?

7. Begin Explanatory Text. The commission worked on the explanations that will provide details of the changes that are being recommended.

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8. Citizen's Comments. None.

Adjournment. Motion by Ms. Egan. Second to Mr. Hinchliffe. The meeting was adjourned at 8: 56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Wagner, Secretary