

CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
Colchester, Connecticut
February 22, 2017 Meeting Room One
Meeting Minutes

Members present: Gregg LePage, Ursula Tschinkel, Monica Egan, Sheila Tortorigi and Betty Wagner.

Members excused: Don Philips and Michael Hinchliffe.

Guest: Selectman Denise Mizla.

1. Call to Order. Chairman Gregg LePage called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Additions to the Agenda. None.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the February 8, 2017 meeting.

Motion by Ms. Tschinkel to approve as presented. Second by Ms. Egan.

Vote: Unanimous consent.

4. Citizen Comments. None.

5. Updates/Timeline. Chairman LePage reported that he has spoken to the town attorney and she will require approximately one month to review the proposed charter revisions. The commission then discussed the timeline that will bring the revisions to the electorate at the November election. It was agreed that the commission will complete its review and submit the document to the town attorneys in March with an anticipated return in April. Meanwhile, the commission will plan and schedule a public forum to present the proposed changes. The forum will tentatively take place early in May.

6. Discuss feedback from the CFO on Articles X to XV.

Ms. Egan explained the feedback from CFO Cosgrove. There were suggestions regarding the organization of proposed Article XI, the Annual Town Meeting as well as suggestions for clarifying proposed Articles XII Supplemental Appropriations and XV Budget Transfer. The commission agreed to consider all of the suggestions. Ms. Egan offered to work the suggestions into the proposed format for the commission to review and consider at its next meeting.

7. Wrap Up Review of Red Line Charter. The commission has completed review of the red line charter except for the revisions to proposed Articles X to XV. Those will be reviewed at the next meeting.

8. Citizen Comments. None.

8. Adjournment. Motion by Ms. Tschinkel, second by Ms. Tortorigi. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Wagner, Secretary

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