

CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
Colchester, Connecticut
Town Hall Meeting Room Two
Meeting Minutes
6-14-17

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

Members excused: Don Philips and Michael Hinchliffe.

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 by Chairman LePage.

2. Additions to the Agenda. Ms. Tortorigi requested that discussion of an outreach opportunity be discussed. Mr. LePage added it to the agenda as 4.1.

3. Minutes of the June 5, 2017 Meeting.

Motion to accept as presented by Ms. Tschinkel. Second by Ms. Tortorigi.

Vote: Unanimous consent.

4. Citizen Comments. None.

4.1. Addition to the Agenda. Ms. Tortorigi has been in touch with the president of the owners' association at North Woods. He agreed to organize a meeting of the residents so that the commission can present the recommended changes in the charter to them.

5. Continue Reviewing Draft Document for the Board of Selectmen.

The commission members had already proof read all sections of the charter. Efforts were made to improve wording in several sections so that the charter will be more user friendly. Discussion followed regarding whether the commission should include in the revision a change in the current municipal election cycle so that the municipal election would only occur every four years instead of the current cycle of every two years.

Motion by Ms. Egan. Second by Mr. LePage to propose that the municipal election cycle be changed from every two years to every four years, at which time all members of the Board of Finance and Board of Education, in addition to the Board of Selectmen and Assessment Appeals will be elected every four years, beginning in 2023.

Vote: Four in favor. Ms. Wagner voted in opposition.

The motion passed.

The commission also discussed at length Section C 303c.

6. Citizen Comments. None.

7. Adjournment. Motion by Ms. Tschinkel. Second by Ms. Tortorigi. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m. The next meeting will be on June 28, 2017 at Town Hall. The commission will begin drafting questions for the November ballot at that time.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Wagner, Secretary

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