

**CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION**  
**Colchester, Connecticut**  
**June 28, 2017, Town Hall Meeting Room Three**  
Meeting Minutes

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

**Guest:** First Selectman Art Shilosky.

**1. Call to Order.** Chairman Gregg LePage called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**2. Additions to the Agenda.** None.

**3. Approval of the Minutes of the June 14, 2017 Meeting.**

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

Vote: Five in favor. Two abstained because they were not present at the meeting.

Motion passed.

**4. Citizen Comments.** First Selectman Shilosky commented on the draft that was presented to the Board of Selectmen. The draft that was presented had missing wording in Section C 302 (b). The commission will reinsert the wording. Mr. Shilosky also commented on the changes to C. 401. Mr. Philips suggested that this matter be dealt with by ordinance instead of making a change to the charter. All agreed.

**5. Updates.** Chairman LePage reported that he had attended the last Board of Selectmen meeting and was available to answer questions. The draft of the charter was delivered to all members and has been placed on the town website, with a note that it is not the final version that that town electors will vote on in November.

Chairman LePage also addressed the cost for legal services. \$5,000.00 has been allocated for legal fees in Fiscal Year 2017-2018 budget. The town attorneys will write the explanation for each question.

**6. Begin Draft of Potential Ballot Questions.** The commission reviewed the wording from the prior charter revision and began to formulate potential questions to be forwarded to the Board of Selectmen. The recommended order of the questions will be decided on a later date.

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

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

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

Potential Question: Shall the Town Charter be amended to transfer the powers and duties of the Treasurer to the town Chief Financial Officer?

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Potential Question: Shall the Town Charter be amended so that each elected position will be a four year term?

Discussion followed regarding the wording of the final question, which will deal with streamlining the charter to make it more user friendly and to update areas dealing with budgeting, transfers and other financial matters. The commission agreed to work more on it at the next meeting.

**7. Citizen Comments.** None.

**8. Adjournment.** Motion by Mr. Philips, second by Ms. Tschinkel. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m. The next meeting will be July 12, 2017 at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Wagner, Secretary