

**CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
TOWN OF EAST WINDSOR
11 RYE STREET
EAST WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT 06088**

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Minutes of Special Meeting

Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present:	Richard LeBoriosis, Richard Pippin, Jr., Leonard Norton and Lois Noble
Members Absent:	Alan Baker, Karla Schultz and Charles Riggott
Others:	Kathy Pippin, Jim Richards and Jack Mannette
Press:	None

I. Call to Order

Chairman Richard LeBoriosis called the Regular Meeting to Order at 7:27p.m. in the East Windsor Town Hall.

II. Approval of Minutes

None.

III. Public Comments

Mr. Jack Mannette, Old Ellington Road, Broad Brook, addressed the Board. He gave to all of the Board Members a copy of Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-190 (b), 7-190 (c), 7-191(b) and 7-191 (c) for their review. He wanted to bring to the attention to the Board that a joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the Charter Revision Commission was held in October of 2014. At that time, it was agreed that the Town would have to start over, reappoint a new Charter Commission; however, in a November 2014 Board of Selectmen Meeting, it was discussed and agreed that the Charter Commission was still in existence. In October of 2013, the Charter Commission was appointed and given sixteen months to review and give their recommendations. He quoted to the Commission Connecticut General Statute Section 7-190 (b) and Section 7-190(c), “(b) The appointing authority shall specify by resolution when the commission shall submit its draft report, which shall not be later than sixteen months from the date of appointment. (c) The commission shall terminate upon acceptance or rejection later than sixteen months from the date of its appointment of its final report by the appointing authority.” On May 28, 2014, the Commission presented to the Town Clerk with a draft of the Charter Revision Version 1.3 dated May 15, 2014. The Town Clerk transmitted this draft to the Board of Selectmen. No later than

fifteen days later, the Board of Selectmen were to hold a public hearing and the Board of Selectmen is to make any recommendations to the Charter Revision Commission. If no recommendations are made for changes within that fifteen day period, the Charter Revision draft report shall be final and the appointing authority shall act on such report. He then quoted Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-191 (b) and Section 7-191 (c). “(b) The appointing authority shall hold at least one public hearing on the draft report and shall hold its last hearing not later than forty-five days after the submission of the draft report to such clerk. Not later than fifteen days after its last hearing, the appointing authority shall make recommendations to the commission for such changes in the draft report as it deems desirable. (c) If the appointing authority makes no recommendations for changes in the draft report, the commission within such fifteen days, the report of the commission shall be final and the appointing authority shall act on such report.” Based upon the above, supported by the comments made by the Town Attorney, at a Special Meeting of October 21, 2014, the Board of Selectmen and the Charter Review Commission failed to act within the required time periods stated in State Statutes 7-190 and 7-191, the Charter Revision Commission ended in 2014. The Board of Selectmen needs to appoint a new Charter Revision Commission in order to move forward on a Charter Revision.

Chairman Richard LeBoriosis asked if anyone on the Commission had any objection to responding to Mr. Mannette’s comments. No objection was heard.

Mr. LeBoriosis indicated that the Commission submitted the draft changes to the Charter to the Town Clerk. It was sent to the Board of Selectmen and the Town Attorney for review. Apparently, there was a problem with the transmission as the Town Attorney couldn’t read the electronic draft which was sent. The draft was submitted to the Town Clerk as required by the state statutes.

Mr. Jim Richards, Selectmen, commented that the draft was submitted properly and the Town Attorney was given a copy to clean up the language. He is not sure if the Board of Selectmen accepted the draft with an official vote, but he does recall a general consensus of the acceptance. The Board reviewed the draft and the list of the issues which the Board requested the commission to review.

A brief discussion was held and it was the general consensus that the Commission will rely on the Town Attorney and ask how to proceed.

IV. New Business

None.

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a. Review of Draft Charter

Mr. LeBorious gave copies to all Board Members the newest copy of the revisions 1.3 which has been reviewed by the Town Attorney. Mr. LeBorious indicated that the changes made by the Town Attorney are in blue. Board Members had questions as to what they submitted versus what changes the Town Attorney made. They began reading the changes and it was noted that the copies which were given to the members for review were not complete. The copies only had odd pages and not the even pages and therefore the Commission did not have a complete copy to review.

A brief discussion was held.

VI. Adjournment

It was **MOVED** (Norton) and **SECONDED** (Noble) and **PASSED** (4-0) (In Favor - R. Pippin, R. LeBorious, L. Norton and L. Noble; Opposed – None) that the Charter Revision Commission adjourns the February 5, 2015 Special Meeting at 7:56 p.m. as this meeting will have to be rescheduled.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise M. Piotrowicz
Recording Secretary