

Town of East Windsor
Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 25, 2009

- I. TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING
Tuesday, August 25, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the East Windsor Town Hall
- II. ATTENDANCE
Denise Menard, First Selectman
Dale Nelson, Selectman
Mark Simmons, Selectman
Richard P. Pippin, Jr. Selectman

Unable to Attend: Gilbert Hayes, Deputy First Selectman (scheduled)
- III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
To decide on the Charter Revision questions to be placed on the November 3, 2009 ballot.

Discussion took place regarding the proposed Charter questions to be forwarded to the Town Clerk as questions on the November 2009 ballot. The Board of Selectmen felt that the original 6 questions proposed by the Charter Revision Committee was too many questions and may lead to some confusing language in a revised Charter. The Board then discussed the four questions proposed by Attorney Mednick and decided some clarifications to those questions would be the best the way to go. The First Selectman stated that the order of the questions were intentionally in the order of the sections of the charter being revised with the first being a general question that dealt with every section, then question 2 dealt with Chapter 8, question 3 with Chapter 9 and question 4 with Chapter 10. The Board then made the following motions:

Motion by Ms. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Simmons to have the first Charter Revision question on the ballot read:

Question #1: Shall the Charter be generally revised to reformat, consolidate and recodify in order to facilitate public understanding of the structure and processes of its local government, to allow for efficient organization and administration of government and meet the needs of the public?

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Pippin, seconded by Ms. Nelson to have the second Charter Revision question on the ballot read:

Question #2: Shall the Charter be revised by modifying Chapter VIII (Finance and Taxation) to include, among revisions: an automatic budget referendum (maximum of three referenda) and, in the event of a failed third budget referendum, reversion to the prior year's annual budget increased by two (2) percent?

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mr. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Pippin to have the third Charter Revision question on the ballot read:

Question #3: Shall Chapter IX - Town Employees Section 9-2 of the Charter be revised to limit all employment contracts to three (3) years?

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ms. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Simmons to have the fourth Charter Revision question on the ballot read:

Question #4: Shall Chapter X - Town Meeting Section 10-8 A) of the Charter be revised to increase the threshold requiring the action of the Town Meeting for appropriations not included in the Annual Budget from Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.00) TO Thirty Thousand (\$30,000.00) Dollars,

Motion passed unanimously.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

Made by Ms. Nelson, seconded by Mr. Pippin, all members in favor.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Menard
First Selectman