

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

The Charter Revision Commission held a special meeting on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 in the Old Court Room at Edmond Town Hall, 45 Main Street, Newtown, CT. Chairman Jeff Capeci called the meeting to order at 7:07pm.

Present: Kevin Burns, Jeffery Capeci, Tom Long, Dan Wiedemann, Deborra Zukowski, George Guidera, Bob Hall, Eric Paradis

Absent: James Ritchie

VOTER COMMENTS: None

MINUTES: Mr. Guidera moved to accept the 6/28/15 minutes as presented. Mr. Long seconded, motion unanimously approved.

COMMUNICATIONS – Mr. Capeci received an e-mail from the Board of Ethics (Attachment A). Mr. Capeci also heard from Donna Culbert of the Health Board. She expressed interest in a potential late change of adding alternates because they have a hard time getting a quorum. She has decided not to pursue the change.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review of the document resulted in the following changes.

1-25(3) A person

1-25(A)(6) Judge of probate was removed because it is now regional.

2-05(d)(2) Mr. Paradis questioned why the Selectman is spelled out not working for the town and no other elected officials. After discussion this section was left unchanged.

2-10(b)(2) spelled out there will not be any more than 3 from any one political party.

5-05(e) Changed to - shall be as per subsection 1-25(b)

5-10(b) the term recommendation was used not advice

5-15(a) added the reference to subsection 1-25(b)

6-01(a) the word definitions was deleted and changed Annual Budget Referendum to Annual Town Budget Referendum.

6-40(a) added the Board of Finance to review the Financial Impact Statement

7-15(d) ended with when feasible

7-20(a)(3) changed contingency fund to contingency account

8-05(b)(2) –Ms. Zukowski questioned this section because two 2 people could read it differently.

Discussion of the concept of open space Town owned and privately owned. Open space does not mean open land. A suggestion was to add Town owned to help clarify Town owned versus open space owned by the Newtown Forest Associations. After discussion it was decided that the section would be left alone.

8-20(b) First Selectman was changed to Board of Selectman and by a Majority Vote of the Legislative Council. Mr. Hall referenced a provision that was put in in the referendum section 3-25(b)(3).

3-25(b)(3) was changed to include sections 8-05(c)(2) and 8-20(d)

9-10(e) Added out-of-pocket expense

9-10(d) The results of all public hearings shall be kept on file in the office of the Town Clerk has been changed to - All opinions, findings and recommendations of the Board, whether advisory or at the request of a complainant, shall be kept on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

Ms. Zukowski made motion to approved the Charter as revised and put it forward to the Town Attorney, Mr. Guidera seconded, motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Guidera moved to have a public hearing on July 15, Mr. Burns seconded, motion unanimously approved.

VOTER COMMENT - NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS – NONE

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15pm

Respectfully Submitted, Arlene Miles, Clerk