

THESE MINUTES ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

The Charter Revision Commission held a special meeting on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 in the Old Court Room at Edmond Town Hall, 45 Main Street, Newtown, CT. Chairman Jeff Capeci called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

**Present:** Kevin Burns, Jeffery Capeci, Tom Long, Eric Paradis(7:25), James Ritchie, Dan Wiedemann, Robert Hall, Deborra Zukowski

**Absent:** George Guidera

*Legislative Council recommendation for changes to the draft charter*

1-05(a) – changed from “inchoate which the Town possesses” to “all liens possessed by the Town”

2-05(d)(4) – added Newtown before Police Department.

2-20(f) changed to the First Selectman shall not be an officer on any other Town Body and moved it to section 2-20(a).

2-25(a) added “any: before “other Town Body”

2-30 included Authorities to the title

2-45 – no change was made

2-110(c) changed second to last sentence to read - Any actions necessary to deal with such emergency proposed during an extension shall be approved by the Legislative Council.

2-115(d)(6) added Real property acquisition and disposition is addressed in chapter 8

2-115(h) last sentence stricken

2-210(a) quality was changed back to good

2-150(a) – added the special act and deleted 2-150(c)

2-275(b)(2) – term of office was changed to three years per ordinance

2-305 and 2-3-110 – added section 7-151a of the General Statutes as amended.

4-10(a) – The question of the term of 4 years was discussed since they are town employees. No other town employee has a term but this is a substantive change. It was decided to leave it as is but removed the word “only” in the second to last paragraph.

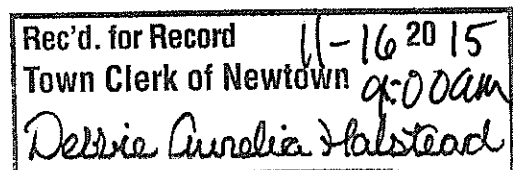
6-15(c)(3) - replaced “prepare” with “approve”

6-05(a) changed from “quality” to “good” before public elementary

6-30(b) added “with” after accordance and removed “of” after bills

6-35(c) changed two thirds to eight members of the Legislative Council. Added to seconded sentence “If initiated by the Legislative Council”

7-20(c) corrected section reference



7-25(b) changed sufficient time to 35 days. Also added after Board of Education, as provided in sections TBD

1-05(6) added tangible

BOE – minority representation – Legislative Council suggested to put it in such a way so the voters decide on the ballot. Their recommendation is that they add it as an exemption. Deborra Zukowski moved to table discussion regarding minority representation. Bob Hall seconded, motion unanimously approved.

Chapter 8 – Mr. Capeci suggested doing bullets for requirements and leave out the process which can be in an ordinance. Mr. Hall expressed concern that until they adopt an ordinance, something needs to be in place, either what is in the current charter or what they are proposing.

2-15 – Term Limits - Ethics, Building Appeals, Economic Development, Self-Funded Health Insurance Fund Commission, Library Board of Trustees. Do they want to strip term limits out of the charter with the exception of the Board of ethics or leave it as is. It was decided to remove term limits for all boards except for the Board of Ethics.

Bob Hall presented a plan to have staggered terms for the Library Board of Trustees (attachment).

2-05(d)(4) Added Newtown before Police Department

Board of Finance term limits - The Legislative Council is not in favor of the 4 year term. Eric Paradis moved to change the term for the Board of Finance back to 2 years, Bob Hall seconded. Motion passes 5 Yes (Paradis, Ritchie, Hall, Zukowski, Capeci), 3 No (Wiedemann, Burns, Long).

Having no further business, meeting was adjourned at 10:38pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Arlene Miles, Clerk

## **LIBRARY TRUSTEES–STAGGERED TERMS**

As the term of the class of trustees which first expires after the effective date of this charter, 4 trustees shall be appointed for a term of three years, and the remaining two trustee offices shall not be filled.

As the term of the class of trustees which expires second after the effective date of this charter, 4 trustees shall be appointed for a term of three years and two shall be appointed for a term of 4 years.

As the term of the class of trustees which expires third after the effective date of this charter, 4 trustees shall be appointed for a term of 4 years and 2 for a term of 3 years.

### **EXAMPLE**

July 1, 2017 **4** for a term of **3 years** expiring **2020**–2 off

July 1, 2018 **4** for a term of **3 years** expiring **2021**, and **2** for a term of **4 years** expiring **2022**)

July 1, 2019 **4** for a term of **4 years** expiring **2023** and **2** for a term of **3 years** (expiring **2022**)

2020–4 members, from the class expiring 2017

2021–4 members–from the class of 2018

2022–4 members, 2 from the class expiring 2018 and 2 from the class expiring 2019

2023–4 members from the class of 2019