

<b>Charter Revision Tracking Document - V8</b>	
<b>Post Public Hearing of 13 January 2014</b>	
References: CRC Meeting Minutes, Tracking Documents V3 - V7	
<b>Section I - Items Agreed Pending Approval of Counsel's Charter Revision Language</b>	Notes
<b>Item 1 - Para C3-4A</b> - Increase the Board of Selectmen from three (3) to five (5) members.	In Favor, 5-1
<b>Item 2 - Para C3-4B - Board of Selectmen Term of Office</b>	
<b>Item 3 - Para C5-1E (New Paragraph) - Compensation of Municipal Officials</b>	In Favor, 7-0
Effective with, and as part of, the annual budget process following adoption of this Charter Revision and therefore prior to each municipal or state election thereafter, the Board of Finance shall set the salaries of elected town officials, namely the Registrars of Voters, the Town Clerk, the Town Treasurer, the Selectmen and the First Selectman.	
A. Charter Paragraph C3-4B be revised to specify a four-year term of office, without term limits, for the First Selectman and Selectmen effective with 2015 Municipal Election.	In favor, 4-3
B. The candidates for First Selectman and the four (4) Selectman seats shall simultaneously stand for election to four (4) year terms of office effective with the 2015 Municipal Election and similarly thereafter every four years. The First Selectman candidate with the largest number of votes shall serve as First Selectman. The four (4) Selectman seats shall be drawn from the Selectman candidates and the unsuccessful First Selectman candidate with the four largest number of votes. Minority representation rules shall apply. Board of Selectmen meetings shall be set annually.	In favor, 4-2-1
<b>Item 4 - Para C6-3A(1)</b> - The Annual Town Budget Meeting shall be held on one (1) of the first seven (7) days of April.	In Favor, 6-0
<b>Item 6 - Para C6-4A and C6-4B</b> - Change the threshold for Actions Requiring a Town Meeting from \$25,000 to \$50,000 (Bonds in excess of one year and additional appropriations).	In Favor, 6-0
<b>Item 7 - Para C6-4C</b> - After referral to the Planning & Zoning Commission, recommendation by the Board of Selectmen and approval by the Board of Finance, any sale, purchase or other disposition of real estate of the Town which is not otherwise described herein shall require approval by a Town Meeting.	In favor, 7-0
<b>Item 9 - Paras C8-3, C8-5, C8-6, C8-10 , C8-11</b>	In favor, 7-0
Delete the term "full-time" from all position descriptions. The Code of Ordinances (Chapter 19) adequately addresses the Commission's personnel rules and regulations concerns.	
<b>Item 10 - Para C8-13C4i</b> - Change the advertised bidding threshold from \$30,000 to \$50,000.	In Favor, 6-0
<b>Item 11 - Para C8-14 (New Paragraph)</b> - a) Two volunteer fire companies provide fire-fighting, rescue and emergency services throughout the Town; the Bethel Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. and the Stony Hill Fire Company, Inc. and b) The aforesaid volunteer	In Favor, 6-0

fire companies shall operate and provide fire-fighting, rescue and emergency services	
in accordance with their adopted By-Laws and their Mutual Aid Agreements and in	
accordance with the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, including but not	
limited to Chapter 104 and c) Each Fire Chief shall be the chief administrative officer	
of their respective fire company and shall be responsible to the First Selectman	
for the operation of said company.	
<b>Item 12 - Para C10-2D</b> - Within the annual budget process, the Board of Finance shall review the	In Favor, 5-1
Selectmen's recommended individual Town Department budgets on a line item basis but shall	
not eliminate, reduce or increase individual line item amounts,	
excepting staffing and personnel-related costs. Town Department budgets	
may be individually increased or reduced by the Board of Finance on a bottom-line basis,	
with implementation of reductions or increases left to the discretion of the individual	
Departments and Commissions.	
<b>Item 13 - Para C10-4B</b> - Special Appropriations and Transfers of Appropriations	In Favor, 6-0
The Board of Selectmen, when requested by any Town Agency and after approval of the	
Board of Finance, may make special appropriations from any Town Agency surplus or an	
approved contingency fund in amounts not to exceed in total for any individual Town Agency	
fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in any one (1) fiscal year.	
<b>Item 14 - Para C-10-4B (New Paragraph)</b> - Permit the Board of Selectmen to execute	In Favor, 6-0
budget neutral transfers within an individual Town Department operating budget up to	
\$50,000 with the exception of increasing the number of employees or encumbrance	
of future budgets, which will require Board of Finance approval.	
<b>Item 17 - Para C11-11 (New Paragraph) - Meetings</b>	In Favor, 6-0
All meetings of elected or appointed Boards and Commissions, regularly scheduled or special,	
shall take place at the Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, School Facilities or the	
Bethel Public Library.	
<b>New Item (18) - Public Utilities Commission</b>	
The Public Utilities Commission shall consist of five (5) appointed	In Favor, 6-0
members, not including members of the Board of Selectmen, appointed for four-year terms.	
Implementation shall take place on the first appointment cycle following the acceptance of	
this Charter Revision with three (3) members appointed for four-year terms and two (2) for	
two year terms. Two years thereafter, the two (2) year terms shall be replaced by four (4) year	
appointments. Minority representation shall apply.	
<b>New Item (20) Para C8-13(C-4ii)</b>	
"Controller" in line 4 should be "Comptroller".	

<b>Section II - Items No Longer Considered by this Commission</b>	
<b>Item 5 - Para C3-9, Para C3-11, Para C3-15</b> - Change Planning & Zoning Alternates, Zoning Board of Appeals Alternates and Inlands Wetlands Alternates from elected to appointed positions.	Defeated, 2-5
<b>Item 8 - Petitions to Overrule</b>	Defeated, 1-4-2
Petitions to Overrule thresholds be revised to seven (7), twelve (12) and fifteen (15) percent respectively.	
Thresholds for Petitions to Overrule shall remain at 5, 10 and 15 percent.	
<b>Item 5 (In V3)</b> - Change the Police Commission from elected to appointed.	Defeated 0-6
Police Commission shall remain elected positions.	
<b>Item 16 - Para C10-4G (New Paragraph)</b> - Permit the Board of Education to create a Special Revenue Funds account to receive revenue from sources external to State and Town sources (e.g. Department of Defense support of NJROTC, Student Activities Fund, etc.)	In Favor, 6-0
<b>New Item (19) - Fire Commission</b>	In Favor, 6-0
The concept of a Fire Commission shall no longer be considered by this Commission.	
Roles, responsibilities and powers of BOF	
Term Limits	
Public Utility, Library and Parks & Recreation Commission to be elected positions	
Commissions present budgets, not Town employees	In Charter
Change method of hiring Town Attorney	
Two-thirds vote of BOF to revise budget after Public Hearing	
Create a Police Department Civilian Review Board	
Tax Assessor to be elected position	
Communicating the fact of a Town Meeting, Public Hearing, Election, etc.	In Charter
Filling vacancies after sixty (60) days	In Charter
Eliminate ability to reduce proposed budget at annual Town Meeting	
Permit citizen input by letter or email to annual budget Public Hearing	In Charter
Delete advisory question from the budget ballot	
Require Power Point presentation at annual budget Public Hearing and Town Meeting	
Para C10-4F (New Paragraph) - Board of Education carry-over.	