



CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 15, 2014
7:00 p.m.
CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

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PRESENT: David Olson, Chairman, Nicholas Hoffman, Wendy Smith, Megan O'Connor and William Hillman. Also in attendance was Attorney Nicholas Vitti.

Call to Order: The joint session with the Board of Selectman was called to order by Mr. Knickerbocker, First Selectman and David Olson, Charter Revision Commission Chairman at 7:00 pm. First Selectman Knickerbocker, Selectman Straiton, Selectman Szatkowski and Town Attorney Martin Lawlor were in attendance.

The Charter Revision Commission will confer with the Board of Selectman on recommendations on Charter Revision Commission draft report:

David Olson, Chairman, presented the Board of Selectmen with the following:

- (1.) Charter Revision Commission letter to Lisa Bergh, Town Clerk dated April 15, 2014 submitting the Final Report in compliance with Chapter 99 of the Connecticut General Statutes 7-187 et seq.
- (2.) Charter Revision Commission letter to the Board of Selectman dated April 16, 2014 responding to the four (4) recommended changes to the Draft Report.
- (3.) The Final Report with changes.

The Charter Revision Commission's response to the Board of Selectmen recommendations are as follows:

- 1.) Item 4, Paragraph C6-3A(1) - the Charter Revision Commission unanimously voted to sustain the Draft language that moves the date for the Annual Town Meeting from the first week in May to the first week in April.
- (2.) Item 7, C6-4C - the Charter Revision Commission voted unanimously to return to their earlier language by using the word “demolition”.
- (3.) Item 11, C8-14 - the Charter Revision Commission voted unanimously to sustain the Draft Report's language stating that the language does capture the fire companies'

request to show their strong relationship with the Town as required by their insurers and regulators.

(4.) Item 18 (new paragraph) - the Charter Revision Commission voted unanimously support its Draft Report language whereby the Public Utilities Commission is comprised of five (5) appointed members.

Attorney Nick Vitti explained to the Board of Selectmen that the next steps in the process are:

(1.) Fifteen days from this meeting the Board of Selectmen must accept or reject the Charter Revision Commission changes in full, or accept/reject portions.

(2.) The Board of Selectmen must decide within 30 days of that vote how to publish the changes. (3.) Within fifteen (15) months the Board of Selectmen must decide on when the vote will take place, in a regular election or a special election.

(4.) Board of Selectmen must decide on the balloting format.

Adjourn: The Charter Revision Commission portion of the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra Roper" followed by a small flourish.

Debra Roper, Recording Secretary