



Charter Revision Commission

Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, 1 School Street
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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, February 5, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Clifford J. Hurgin Municipal Center, 1 School St., Bethel, CT
Meeting Room A, Hybrid meeting

Present: Chair: Timothy Beeble, Penny Kessler, Alice Hutchinson, John Lennon, and Terry Letellier. Joan Bradley joined via Google Meet at 7:21pm. Charter Revision Counsel, Nicholas Vitti, was present and First Selectman Carter was present as an ex-officio member.

Absent: Patrick Daubert

Chair, Tim Beeble, called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

Public Comments: Myra Drucker 24 Wolfpits Rd (spoke twice)
Rebecca Hussey 73 Linda Lane
BFD Chief Bill McAllister 36 South St.(address of FD)
Cynthia Slater 8 Briar Ridge Dr.
Gene West Kingswood Dr.

Correspondence: None

Consideration of approval of Regular Meeting minutes from 1/8/2025:

Motion made by Alice Hutchinson, and seconded by Penny Kessler, to approve the minutes from 1/8/2025, as written. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Consideration of 2019 Charter Revision Commission proposals:

No further discussion on this item took place.

Consideration of the Board of Selectmen, 2024 proposals

No further discussion on this item took place.

Consideration of any other proposals submitted to Charter Revision Commission:

The commission reviewed and discussed proposals submitted by Chair, Tim Beeble. The main discussions were:

- Time frame for appointments to fill vacancies (C#-3A, C7-2B, and “new” C7-5A)
- Conform language of C2-5A to C7-1C (officials who cease to be electors)
- C6-4C Special Town Meeting for sale/purchase of real property. Should an appraisal be required?
- Conform referendum timeframe of C6-3B1 to C6-5E (petition to overrule)
- Constables- should the terms be in the Charter? Consensus was no.
- Housing Authority—the Housing Authority is a separate entity from the Town of Bethel

Motion made by Alice Hutchinson, and seconded by Terry Letellier, to add to the agenda a recommendation by First Selectman Carter to rename the Park and Recreation Commission to the Parks and Recreation Commission. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries. Consensus among the Commission to accept the name change as discussed.

The next meeting of the Charter Revision Commission is March 5, 2025 at 7:00pm in Meeting Room A at the Municipal Center.

Motion made by Penny Kessler, and seconded by Alice Hutchinson, to adjourn the meeting at 8:34pm. Vote, all in favor. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Churchill
Recording Secretary