

CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

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The Charter Revision Commission met at the Wethersfield Council Chambers on Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Steve Kirsche, T. William Knapp, Louis Laccavole, John McAuliffe, Jr., Mary Pelletier, Dan Silver and Mike Zaleski.

Also present: Dolores G. Sassano, Town Clerk and Jeff Bridges, Town Manager arrived at 7:30.

The meeting was called to order by Town Clerk Dolores G. Sassano. She asked for nominations for a Chairperson.

Commissioner Kirsche **“moved to nominate Dan Silver to be Chairperson”** seconded by Commissioner Knapp.

Town Clerk Sassano asked if there were other nominations for the position, hearing none, she called for a vote.

All those present, voted AYE unanimously. 7-0-0

Chairperson Silver asked for nominations for the Vice Chairperson.

Commissioner Knapp **“moved to nominate Steve Kirsche to be Vice Chairman”** seconded by Commissioner McAuliffe.

Chairperson Silver asked if there were other nominations for the position, hearing none, he called for a vote.

All those present, voted AYE unanimously. 7-0-0

Chairperson Silver thanked everyone for their vote of confidence and said he was excited about the challenge before them. It is a unique commission as it does not have any staff overseeing it. They have a lot of responsibility and in the event the commission sees fit to adopt changes there would have to be a referendum approved by electors of the Town.

After some discussion on procedures, they decided that Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. would work best for most of them, most of the time. They would like someone to take notes and access, if needed, to research and the town attorney. Town Manager Bridges agreed to have them contact either his office or the Town Clerk.

Commissioner Zaleski “**moved to set the date for the Public Hearing on Thursday, February 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chamber**” seconded by Commissioner Knapp.

All those present, voted AYE unanimously. 7-0-0

They decided they would have another meeting on January 30, 2014 for 6:30 p.m. in the Town Manager’s Conference Room. The agenda will be: review the current Charter prior to the Public Hearing and to discuss questions, if any, with the Town Attorney.

Commissioner McAuliffe “**moved to set a time limit of 5 minutes per speaker at the Public Hearing**” seconded by Vice Chairman Kirsche.

It was also decided to allow residents to speak for a 2nd time after everyone present had a turn. As it is an opportunity for them to hear the public, they are not engaging in conversation with the speaker.

All those present, voted AYE unanimously. 7-0-0

Commissioner Knapp “**moved to use a sign-up sheet for speakers as they arrive for the meeting**” seconded by Vice Chairman Kirsche.

All those present, voted AYE unanimously. 7-0-0

Commissioner Knapp “**moved the quorum for the commission be 4 members to hold a meeting**” seconded by Commissioner McAuliffe.

All those present, voted AYE unanimously. 7-0-0

Vice Chairperson Kirsche “**moved to require 4 affirmative votes to approve a recommendation of a change to the charter**” seconded by Commissioner Knapp.

All those present, voted AYE unanimously. 7-0-0

Vice Chairman Kirsche “**moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.**” seconded by Commissioner Knapp.

All those present, voted AYE unanimously. 7-0-0