

CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

The Charter Revision Commission met at the Wethersfield Town Manager's Conference Room on Thursday, June 26, 2014 at 7:00 pm.

Present: Vice Chairperson Steve Kirsche, Louis Laccavole, Mary Pelletier, John McAuliffe, Jr. and Mike Zaleski

Also Present: Commission Secretary Sónia Betz and Town Manager Jeff Bridges

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Kirsche at 7:00 pm.

Vice Chairperson Kirsche asked if anyone had any motions regarding the minutes from the last (June 12th) meeting.

- **Commissioner Zaleski moved to accept the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Laccavole. All Commissioners present voted "AYE" unanimously. Motion passed. 5-0-0**

Public Comment

- No members of the public were present

Agenda Items

Vice Chairperson Kirsche referred to a memorandum sent to the Commissioners by Atty. Chappell regarding the use of the term "qualified" as pertaining to electors throughout the Charter document. He then asked Commissioner Laccavole how he would like to proceed with the matter as he initially raised the question. The Commissioners agreed that it appeared that the term didn't add anything.

- **Commissioner Laccavole moved to eliminate the term "qualified" in reference to electors throughout the Charter document, seconded by Commissioner Pelletier. All Commissioners present voted "AYE" unanimously. The motion passed. 5-0-0**

A) Discussion and Consideration of Language for Ethics Provision

- Vice Chairperson Kirsche referred again to the memorandum sent by Atty. Chappell, this time regarding the ethics issue. He stated that Chairperson Silver requested that no action be taken at this meeting as he wanted to be present.
- The present Commissioners decided to forgo any discussion so as not to have to repeat the same points in the future and to have a more balanced discussion. Topic postponed to a future meeting.

B) Discussion and Review of Chapter 4 (Town Manager)

- Commissioner Laccavole questioned what the wording "the Manager shall devote full time to the office of Manager" means. Town Manager Bridges stated that it possibly was to prevent moonlighting or it could simply mean that the position is a full time position. He is not aware of what the intent of the statement was.
- The Commissioners discussed what may have been the intent and what may or may not violate the Charter.
- No changes were made to Chapter 4.

C) Discussion and Review of Chapter 5 (Officers and Boards)

- The Commissioners discussed the positions of Town Treasurer and Finance Director and how they pertain to the Town offices and Board of Education.
- Commissioner Laccavole also questioned Section 208 and how it seems to tell the Council that everyone has to be an elector in order to be on a Board or Commission, unless the Council decides not to. He feels it is contradictory.
 - Commissioner Pelletier stated that some committees require some expertise that may not be available within the Town's electors, such as the Shade Tree Commission requiring arborists.
 - Town Manager Bridges referenced the EDIC which has members who are business owners in Town, but not necessarily residents.
- The Commissioners discussed the listing of Boards & Commissions and whether all Boards and Commissions should be listed.
- No changes were made to Chapter 5.

Commissioner Zaleski moved to cancel the July 10, 2014 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Laccavole. All Commissioners present voted "AYE" unanimously. The motion passed. 5-0-0

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

Commissioner Pelletier moved for adjournment at 7:34 pm. Commissioner Zaleski seconded. All those present voted AYE unanimously. 5-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Sónia Betz, Secretary