

**CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION**  
**Colchester, Connecticut**  
**Town Hall Selectman's Conference Room**  
December 10, 2014  
Meeting Minutes

Members present: Gregg LePage, Gary Siddell, Monica Egan, Ursula Tschinkel and Betty Wagner  
Guests: None.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:32 by Chairman Gregg LePage.

There was one addition to the agenda. Mr. Siddell suggested that we revisit C – 705B. Motion to add this to the agenda by Ms. Tschinkel. Second by Ms. Egan. Vote: unanimous consent.

Mr. LePage suggested that the commission discuss before continuing with the agenda. Ms. Siddell expressed concern regarding the addition of the Registrars of Voters to the list of Justices of the Peace as elected officials who may serve on an appointed board. Ms. Egan mentioned that it can be explained that the Registrars' function does not impede their ability to serve, similar to the Justices of the Peace. The Commission agreed to table this item for now and seek input from the Board of Selectmen.

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Motion to accept as presented by Mr. Siddell. Second by Ms. Egan. Vote: Unanimous consent.

**Citizen comments:** None.

**Update:**

1. Mr. LePage reported that he has spoken with Marc Tate and Mr. Tate has agreed to set up an email address for the Commission.
2. Mr. LePage also spoke with Maggie Cosgrove regarding her thoughts on the Commission's mission. She will attend a future meeting of the Commission to discuss the duties of the Treasurer and other items regarding town finances that are affected by the current charter.

**Review of current charter:**

**Article IX:**

**C1001. Town Meeting.**

- A. The Commission will not recommend any changes at this time.
- B. 1. The Commission agreed to table and look into further at a later date.
2. The Commission agreed that .5% is too low a number. The Commission will discuss with the Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen and seek their suggestions.
3. The Commission agreed that the wording is acceptable, but the number appears to be too low.

4. The Commission believes that 4% is reasonable.
  5. The Commission believes the wording is acceptable, but will seek input on the dollar amount.
  6. The Commission believes the wording is acceptable, but will seek input on the dollar amount.
  7. The Commission is not recommending any changes at this time.
  8. The Commission is not recommending any changes at this time.
  9. The Commission believes that the dollar amount is too low and will seek feedback.
  10. The Commission agreed to look into further.
  11. The Commission is not recommending any changes at this time.
  12. The Commission is not recommending any changes at this time.
- C. The Commission will look further into the figure: 2%.

**C-1002. Annual Budget Meeting.**

- A. The Commission will recommend that the First Selectman be added to the officials who are required to attend the annual budget meeting. The wording recommended: “The Chief Financial Officer, or his or her designee, as well as **the First Selectman**, at least two representatives from each of the Board of Education, Selectmen and Finance...”
- B. 1. The Commission is not recommending any changes at this time.  
2. The Commission will seek input on this item with the goal of changing the wording so it is more easily understood.  
3. The Commission will seek input on this item.  
4. The Commission is not recommending any changes at this time.
- C. The Commission discussed and agreed to further research this item.
- D. The Commission will recommend that the percentages be lowered to 1% for the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education.
- E. The Commission is not recommending any changes at this time.

**C – 1003. Procedure.**

The Commission is not recommending any changes at this time.

**Adjournment:** Motion by Ms. Tschinkel, second by Mr. Siddell to adjourn. Vote: Unanimous consent.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m. The next meeting will be on January 14, 2015 at 7:00 at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Wagner, Secretary