

CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION
Colchester, Connecticut
Town Hall Meeting Room 2
June 10, 2015
Meeting Minutes

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Members attending: Gregg LePage, Gary Siddell, Ursula Tschinkel, Betty Wagner and Monica Egan.

Guests: First Selectman Stan Soby and Selectman John Reeve.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Gregg LePage.

2. Additions to the Agenda: Mr. Siddell asked that the commission discuss the next step after the ordinance review is completed. Mr. LePage added this as 6.1 to the agenda.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the May 27, 2015 meeting: Motion to accept as presented by Mr. Siddell, second by Ms. Tschinkel. Vote: Unanimous consent.

4. Citizen Comments: None.

5. Updates: Mr. Siddell has researched the statutes and has found no mention regarding recall of elected town officials.

6. Continue review of ordinances:

Mr. Siddell reviewed **Chapter 18**

Article I: Zoning and Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Siddell commented that the two are combined under one ordinance. The commission will look further into this.

Article II: Economic Development Commission. Mr. Siddell suggested that the commission look at incorporating more detail.

Article III: Parks and Recreation. The commission will review the language in this article.

Article IV: Development Agency. The commission will recommend that this section be retired.

Article V: Commission on Aging. The membership structure was changed at a 2014 town meeting to reflect the actual.

Article VI: Flood and Erosion Control Board: The commission is not recommending changes at this time..

Article VII: Fair Rent Commission. The commission is not recommending changes at this time..

Article VIII: Police Commission. The commission is not recommending changes at this time.

Article IX: Regional Council of Governments. The commission is not recommending changes at this time.

Ms. Wagner continued with review of Chapters 98, 105, 109, 120, and 124.

Chapter 98: Street Vendors. The commission will look into the fees currently charged. There are no changes other than a potential change to the fees, being recommended at this time.

Chapter 105: Reports. The commission will recommend that this chapter be retired.

Chapter 109: Roads.

Article I. The commission is not recommending changes at this time.

Article II. The commission is recommending that the definition for working day be changed to reflect that "Working Days" are defined by the bargaining agreement.

Article III. No changes are being recommended at this time.

Article IV. No changes are being recommended at this time.

Article V. No changes are being recommended at this time.

Article VI. No changes are being recommended at this time.

Article VII. No changes are being recommended at this time.

Article VIII. The commission will check on whether the fees have remained the same.

Article IX. The commission will check on whether the percentage in 109, Article IXb has remained the same.

Article X. The commission is not recommending changes at this time.

Article XI. The commission is not recommending changes at this time.

Chapter 120 Solid Waste.

Article I. The commission will check on whether the town still has an agreement with Norwich. The commission will recommend that the second sentence be deleted.

Article II. No changes are being recommended at this time.

Article III. No changes are being recommended at this time.

Article IV. The commission is not recommending changes at this time, but will check on what is currently being accepted at the transfer station.

Article V. No changes are being recommended at this time.

Article VI. C. The second sentence is no longer current. The commission will recommend that this section be deleted.

Article VII. No changes are recommended at this time

Article VIII. No changes are recommended at this time.

Article IX. The commission will check on the enforcement mechanism.

Article X. The commission is not recommending any changes at this time.

Article XI. The commission will work on language.

Article XII. The commission is not recommending changes at this time.

Article XIII. The commission is not recommending changes at this time.

Article XIV. The commission is not recommending changes at this time.

Chapter 124. Streets and Sidewalks.

Article I. The commission is not recommending changes at this time.

Article II. The commission is not recommending changes at this time.

Article III. No changes are recommended at this time.

Article IV. No changes are recommended at this time.

Article V. No changes are recommended at this time.

Article VI. No changes are recommended at this time.

Article VII. No changes are recommended at this time.

Article VIII. No changes are recommended at this time.

Article IX. No changes are recommended at this time.

Article X. No changes are recommended at this time.

Article XI. No changes are recommended at this time.

Ms. Tschinkel continued the discussion with **Chapter 129 Taxation.**

Article I. The commission is not recommending changes at this time.

Article II. The commission is not recommending changes at this time.’

Article III. The commission is not recommending changes at this time.

Article IV. The commission is not recommending changes at this time.

Article V. The commission will check on the effective date in #129-18.

Article VI. The commission will check on whether the percentage in #129-25 is current.

Article VII. The commission is not recommending changes at this time.

Article VIII. The commission will re-examine this article..

Article IX. The commission will re-examine #129-36.

Article X. The commission is not recommending any changes at this time.

Article XI. The commission is not recommending any changes at this time.

Chapter 133. Tourism Development Ordinance.

The commission is not recommending any changes at this time.

Chapter 136. Town Center Neighborhood Strategic Plan.

The commission will recommend that this chapter be retired.

Chapter 139. Trailers.

The commission will re-examine the grandfather provision, which is dated 1952.

Chapter 144. Vehicles and Traffic.

Article I. The commission is not recommending any changes at this time.

Article II. The commission will re-examine this article.

Chapter 150. Water.

This chapter pre-dates the installation of the sewers so does not refer to the board as “Sewer and Water.” However, the commission did not see a need to make changes to the chapter.

6.1. Next Step. The commission agreed to begin a summary of potential recommendations at the next meeting.

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7. Citizen comments. None.

Adjournment. Motion to adjourn. by Mr. Siddell. Second by Ms. Egan. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Wagner
Betty Wagner, Secretary