

CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
Colchester, Connecticut
September 28, 2016
Town Hall Room 3
Meeting Minutes

Members present: Gregg LePage, Ursula Tschinkel, Monica Egan, Sheila Tortorigi, Don Philips and Betty Wagner.
Excused: Michael Hinchliffe.

Guests: Town Clerk Gayle Furman.
Rob Parlee, Susan Dubb and Ed Fusco of the Police Commission.
Caroline Lovering, Hayden Prawl and Jordan Tallman, students at Bacon Academy.

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

2. Additions to the Agenda: None.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the September 14, 2016 meeting.

Motion by Ms. Tschinkel to approve as submitted. Second by Ms. Tortorigi.
Vote: Five in favor. Mr. Philips abstained because he had missed the Sept. 14 meeting.

4. Discussion with the Town Clerk. Ms. Furman had questions regarding the commission's plan to change the position of Town Clerk from elected to appointed if the town electors vote in favor of it. The Commission chair clarified the reasons the commission favors this change. The Commission will be discussing the strategy for phasing in a change at a future meeting.

5. Citizen's Comments. Chairman Rob Parlee spoke for the Police Commission and urged the Charter Revision Commission not to remove the Police Commission from the charter. The Commission explained that only the Sewer and Water Commission and the Police Commission are listed in the charter and the Police Commission is already authorized by ordinance. Ms. Dubb and Mr. Fusco also urged the Commission not to make this change. The Commission thanks them for their input.

6. Updates.

- A. Chairman LePage announced that River East is willing to write more stories about the Commission's progress in revising the charter.
- B. Chairman LePage announced that he had been entering the technical changes that the Commission will recommend into a copy of the charter.

7. Continue Review of the Charter. Ms. Wagner reviewed recommended technical changes to C- 702 and C-705 A and B.

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Ms. Egan reviewed with the Commission her thoughts on how to better organize the articles of the charter. The Commission will review her plan and discuss thoroughly at the next meeting.

8. Citizen Comments. None.

9. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Ms. Tschinkel. Second by Ms. Egan.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

The next meeting will be on October 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betty Wagner".

Betty Wagner
Secretary