



TOWN OF KILLINGLY

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TOWN OF KILLINGLY CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

Notice of Special Meeting

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

6:30 p.m.

Town Meeting Room

172 Main Street

Killingly, CT

Commission Members:

Donald Aubrey	Elizabeth Hayden
Teresa Barton	Dan Rovero
Jonathan Blake	Keith Thurlow
Benjamin Chase	

MINUTES

1. Call to Order by Chair, Elizabeth Hayden at 6:33 p.m.
2. Roll Call: T. Barton; J. Blake; K. Thurlow; D. Aubrey; D. Rovero; E. Hayden.
B. Chase was absent with notice.

Also Present: Mary Calorio, Town Manager; Kevin Kerttula, Town Council Liaison; Kari Olson, Murtha Cullina.

3. Citizen Participation:

John Sarantopoulos, Tunk City Road, made the following three suggestions:

- A written grievance procedure be included in the Charter. He gave the issue with NECCOG as an example for the need.
- Reduce Town Council to four members all elected at-large.
- Planning and Zoning should be two separate bodies: legislative and enforcement.

4. Adoption of Minutes: April 17, 2019

Motion was made by K. Thurlow to adopt the Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 17, 2019. Second by T. Barton. There was no discussion. Motion carried (4-0-2). D. Aubrey and D. Rovero abstained because they had not attended that meeting.

5. New Business:

- a) Review with legal counsel regarding proposed Charter Revision.

Ms. Calorio provided copies of the updated Draft which includes revisions as discussed at the April 17, 2019 meeting of the Charter Revision Commission and also language/revisions suggested by Town Attorney Kari Olsen.

The Commission discussed the suggested revisions with Ms. Calorio and Attorney Olsen regarding the following Sections of the Charter.

SECTION 302 – Elections and Terms of Office: Town Elections

There was discussion regarding the Town Attorney’s suggested language, “no one shall run for a voting district per Section 202 and at-large seat during the same municipal election year;”

It was decided to delete the word “year.”

SECTION 601 – Appointment and Removal

There was no discussion or objection regarding clarifying language suggested by the Town Attorney.

SECTION 701 – Town Meetings

There was discussion and there was no objection regarding clarifying language suggested by the Town Attorney.

SECTION 802 – Eligibility; Incompatible Offices

There was discussion regarding making the language more clear as to which Boards or Commissions would be non-conflicting if an elector were to be on more than one at the same time. Attorney Olsen explained that there is no rule that will not be either over-inclusive or under-inclusive under certain circumstances. There was discussion regarding whether the language could be misconstrued.

There was agreement to modify the language to make it more clarifying that an elector may serve on more than one Board or Commission, but are responsible to meet ethical obligations as a public official.

Ms. Calorio will also change references to Selectman to Town Council Member and references to Board of Finance to Town Council, and will remove the words, “of any town.”

SECTION 804 – Boards and Commissions

There was discussion regarding Authoritative Ethics Commission. An Ethics Code would need to be created and the Commission would conduct its business pursuant to the Code. It would require that an Ordinance be adopted first.

There was discussion regarding what people should do when they have a complaint (go to the Town Manager, then, if needed, to Town Council, bringing it before the public).

Attorney Olsen suggested that it be put before the Ordinance Sub-Committee and see how the Community feels about an Ethics Code.

Motion was made by T. Barton to remove Authoritative Ethics Commission from the Charter Revision. Second by K. Thurlow. Motion carried unanimously (6-0-0).

It was suggested that the Town Manager create a formal complaint policy.

SECTION 810

The Town Attorney recommends removing all of the Water Pollution Control Authority language (entire Section 810) and moving it to an Ordinance (it is easier to amend). She also recommends adding it as a bullet point in the Charter with the other Boards and Commissions (Section 804). There was discussion.

Ms. Calorio will recommend it to the Ordinance Sub-Committee to start working on it. She will recommend that the Charter language be put into the Ordinance for now.

- b) Discussion/possible action on the creation of proposed Charter Revision questions.

There was discussion regarding the number of questions. There are six Sections that have changes. Sections 802 and 903 may be able to be combined into one question. The Commission had voted previously to have five questions.

There was discussion regarding timeline.

Public Hearing on the Draft (as amended tonight) to be scheduled for May 15, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Meeting Room. After the Public Hearing, the meeting of the Charter Revision Commission will begin.

Representative(s) from the Charter Revision Commission to give a presentation at the Town Council Public Hearing for Charter Revision to be scheduled for June 11, 2019 (at 7 p.m.). Town Attorney to attend also.

Motion was made by K. Thurlow to set the date for the Public Hearing for the Charter Revision Draft for May 15, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., Town Meeting Room, Second Floor, Killingly Town Hall, 172 Main Street. Second by D. Rovero. Motion carried unanimously (6-0-0).

There was discussion regarding having a complaint form available. Ms. Calorio will see if there is an existing complaint form that can be used.

- 6. Other – None.

- 7. Adjournment

Motion was made by K. Thurlow to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Second by T. Barton. Motion carried unanimously (6-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,

J.S. Perreault
Recording Secretary