

MINUTES
Charter Revision Commission
Public Hearing
Wednesday, July 30, 2008 @ 6:45PM
Norma Drummer Room/Seymour Town Hall

Members present: Chairman Trisha Danka, Al Ermer, Sam Mirlis, Deirdre Caruso, Michael Julian, Gene Stec, and Special Counsel Richard Bruchal.

Not present: Bruce Baker.

Others present: Frank Loda.

ITEM # 1 – Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM # 2 – Open Public Hearing.

Chairman Trisha Danka opened the Public Hearing at 6:45PM.

Motion to recess public hearing until 7:00PM.

Motion: Michael Julian

Second: Sam Mirlis

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Motion to come out of recess at 7:00PM.

Motion: Sam Mirlis

Second: Gene Stec

Vote: 6-Yes

0-No

0-Abstain

0-Disqualify

Secretary Deirdre Caruso reads the Notice for the Public Hearing:

TOWN OF SEYMOUR
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
PUBLIC NOTICE

THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SEYMOUR, CONNECTICUT WILL CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING PURSUANT TO § 7-191 CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES on Wednesday, July 30, 2008 @ 6:45 PM at Seymour Town Hall, Norma Drummer Room, 1 First Street, Seymour, Connecticut for the following purpose:

- To receive public comments and communications, both oral and written as to possible revisions, additions, and amendments to the Charter of the Town of Seymour.
- The Commission will present its proposed draft report for public comment. Pursuant to Section 7-191 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Commission proposes to submit the following draft report to the Board of Selectmen for their consideration:

The Commission has voted as follows: To amend the following language contained in Section 12.3 of the Charter.

The voters shall be given the option to vote either “Yes” or “No-Too High or No-Too Low”. All NO votes shall be added together as one total in order to determine passage or rejection of a budget.

To read as follows:

The voters shall be given the option to vote either “Yes” or “No”.

The Commission recommends no further changes to the Charter at this time.

All interested persons may attend and be heard.

Written communications will be received at the time of the above hearing or prior thereto addressed to the Seymour Charter Revision Commission, Town Hall, 1 First Street, Seymour, Connecticut 06483.

Dated at Seymour, Connecticut this 17th day of July 2008.
By: The Charter Revision Commission, Town of Seymour.
Trisha Danka, Chairman

ITEM # 3 – Public Comment.

Mr. Frank Loda submitted written correspondence that is read by Chairman Danka.

It states:

Please consider adding the following (or similar) language to the Charter provision dealing with the consideration of a budget that fails in a scheduled referendum:

“In the event that either proposed budget fails a referendum vote, the Board of Finance, at a meeting called to approve a new budget for consideration by the voters and taxpayers, shall allow a reasonable period of time for public comments. The duly called meeting shall be noticed in the local paper and the public comments shall be limited to budget recommendations and proposals for consideration by the Board of Finance during its deliberations.”

Thank you.

The Commission members have a lengthy discussion on this matter and have decided to accept Mr. Loda’s proposed language with some changes. The Commission Members will discuss further and vote at the meeting scheduled for 7:30PM tonight.

John DeStefano, Old Ansonia Road: Feels that the change is good.

Donald Girard, Old Ansonia Road: Also feels that the change is a good idea.

There is no further public comment.

ITEM # 4 – Close Public Hearing.

The Public Hearing is closed at 7:25PM.

Submitted by,

**Deirdre Caruso,
Secretary**