

MINUTES
Special Meeting
Charter Revision Commission
Wednesday, July 30, 2008 @ 7:30 PM
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.

The meeting is opened at 7:40PM by Chairman Trisha Danka.

ITEM # 1 - Pledge of Allegiance.

Everyone saluted the Flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM # 2 - Approve minutes from 7/16/08 meeting.

Motion to approve minutes from the Charter Revision Commission meeting on 7/16/08.

Motion: Gene Stec Second: Sam Mirlis

**Vote: 5-Yes (Trisha Danka, Sam Mirlis, Al Ermer, Michael Julian, Gene Stec) 0-No
1-Abstain (Deirdre Caruso) 0-Disqualify**

ITEM # 3 - Review Public Hearing Comments.

A lengthy discussion takes place to discuss adding Mr. Loda's proposed amendments to the Draft Report to the Charter. After several short recesses to have the secretary type a new draft report to be approved by the Commission. The Commission decides to add the following. (Additions are in bold.)

If the referendum vote at an adjourned Town Meeting shall reject the budget or either part thereof the rejected portion shall be reconsidered by the Board of Finance within five (5) business days. **The duly called meeting shall be noticed in the local paper by notice of the Chairman of the Board of Finance without the necessity of a meeting of the Board of Finance, and public comments shall be allowed and shall be limited to budget recommendations and proposals for consideration by the Board of Finance during its deliberations.** The Board shall then approve a revised budget or part thereof for presentation at a second referendum vote at an adjourned Town Meeting. In case of further rejection this process shall be continued using the five (5) day period for reconsideration by the Board of Finance until a budget is adopted.

ITEM # 4 - Take any action necessary concerning Charter amendments.

Motion to approve the following draft report for submission to the Town Clerk to submit to the Board of Selectmen for final approval:

(Additions to Section 12.3 are italicized and deletions are in bold type. The Commission recommends no further changes to the Charter at this time. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.)

DRAFT REPORT

The following is the draft report of the Charter Revision Commission to the Board of Selectmen pursuant to Section 7-191 of the Connecticut General Statutes:

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”.

If the referendum vote at an adjourned Town Meeting shall reject the budget or either part thereof the rejected portion shall be reconsidered by the Board of Finance within five (5) business days. *The duly called meeting shall be noticed in the local paper by notice of the Chairman of the Board of Finance without the necessity of a meeting of the Board of Finance, and public comments shall be allowed and shall be limited to budget recommendations and proposals for consideration by the Board of Finance during its deliberations.* The Board shall then approve a revised budget or part thereof for presentation at a second referendum vote at an adjourned Town Meeting. In case of further rejection this process shall be continued using the five (5) day period for reconsideration by the Board of Finance until a budget is adopted.

Motion: Deirdre Caruso Second: Gene Stec
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

ITEM # 5 - Adjournment.
Motion to adjourn at 8:14PM.

Motion: Sam Mirlis Second: Al Ermer
Vote: 6-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain 0-Disqualify

Submitted by,

Deirdre Caruso,
Secretary