



Town of Seymour

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CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

1 FIRST STREET, SEYMOUR, CONNECTICUT 06483

Minutes of Meeting

August 22, 2018

Norma Drummer Room

Members Present: Rhonda Geffert, Saundra Gesek, Ed Hendricks, Pat Lombardi, Jen Magri, Rob VanEgghen, Bill Sawicki (arrived at 7:55 PM)

Others Present and Participating: Town Counsel, Ryan Driscoll

ITEM #1: Call meeting to order.

Meeting was called to order by CRC Chairman Pat Lombardi at 7:00 PM

ITEM #2: Pledge to the Flag.

Everyone saluted the flag and stated the Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM #3: Discussion of recommendations of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) to the Charter Revision Commission (CRC) Report and Revised Charter

The Chairman stated that at its meeting on August 21, 2018 the Seymour Board of Selectmen had engaged in a discussion and had taken action regarding the draft report of the Charter Revision Commission. The Chairman distributed copies of notes from the Board of Selectmen's meeting (copy attached to these Minutes) to guide the CRC's discussions and responses to the BOS questions and recommendations. The CRC also responded to the BOS request that the CRC propose language for questions to be placed on the November 6, 2018 Ballot regarding proposed changes to the Town Charter.

Following discussion the Chairman asked the CRC members to vote on the proposed revisions to the Town Charter and on the draft questions to be placed on the Ballot as attached to these minutes.

Motion: Jen Magri Second: Rob VanEgghen

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

ITEM #4: Public Comment.

None.

ITEM #5: Adjournment.

Motion to adjourn made at 8:10pm.

Motion: Bill Sawicki Second: Rhonda Geffert

Vote: 7-Yes 0-No 0-Abstain

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward D. Hendricks, Secretary Pro Tem



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Attachment to Minutes of August 22, 2018 Meeting of Charter Revision Commission

Recommended Ballot Questions

1. Shall the Town Charter be amended to change the following: (1) specify the method of appointment of the Deputy Registrar of Voters, (2) reduce the size of the Library Board of Directors from seven to five, (3) provide for legal notices to be posted on the Town website, (4) eliminate the positions of Captain and Lieutenant in the Town Police Department, (5) increase the amount of special appropriation requiring a Town Meeting to \$100,000, and (6) specify the number of members serving on appointed boards, committees or commissions to be limited to five?
2. Shall the Town Charter be amended to replace the elected Board of Planning and Zoning with an appointed Planning and Zoning Commission?
3. Shall the Town Charter be amended to increase the term of the First Selectman from two to four years?
4. Shall the Town Charter be amended to set term limits for the First Selectman and Board of Selectmen?
5. Shall the Town Charter be amended to change the budget process, including the Town Meeting so that the budget will go directly to referendum?
6. Shall the Town Charter be amended to combine the Town and Board of Education budget vote at the referendum?
7. Shall the Town Charter be amended to correct grammar, spelling, terminology, statutory references, outdated provisions of the Town Charter, renumber sections, and make other technical changes as recommended by the Charter Revision Commission?

The Charter Revision Commission further recommends that the following non-binding advisory questions be placed upon the November 2018 Ballot.

1. Shall the Board of Selectmen undertake a study regarding the establishment of a Town Manager form of government for the Town of Seymour?
2. Shall term limits be set for participation on all elected Town boards, committees and commissions?