

**CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**DECEMBER 22, 2010**

In attendance at the meeting: Commission Members: John P. Chiota, Esq., Chairman; William S. Holden, Vice Chairman; Gail J. Hanna, Secretary; James Cordone, Esq.; and Paul Timpanelli.

Commission members not present: Russell Friedson

Non-commission members in attendance: Aaron Leo, PATCH

*Meeting Called to Order 7:10PM.*

**Approval of the Minutes**

MOTION made by G. Hanna to accept the minutes of the December 7, 2010 Charter Revision Commission Meeting, seconded by P. Timpanelli.

ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED. One abstention - Attorney Cordone.

The Clerk of the Charter Revision Commission submitted to the commission members a first draft of the Charter Revision. The draft included Chapter I through Chapter IX. The commission members will review and edit.

J. Chiota brought Atty. Cordone up to date regarding the revision of the Charter.

Also, there was a lengthy discussion while reviewing the language submitted previously by R. Friedson regarding the budget referendum which is a new section in addition to the existing section. J. Chiota will submit this new language to Atty. Maslen for his review to provide for language which would be more sufficient for the Charter.

J. Chiota and Atty. Maslen will be meeting with the Town Council on January 6, 2011. They plan to discuss issues such as:

- The timetable in which the revision of the Charter needs to be completed.
- Question the Town Council if they would like representatives to attend a Charter Revision Commission Meeting?
- Also, advise the Town Council that the minutes of the meetings are accessible on the Trumbull Town Website.

W. Holden informed the commission that all questions for the ballot would be due by September 8, 2011.

J. Chiota submitted material regarding Elections and Officers from the City of Danbury City Council. He also informed the commission that he had met with T. Herbst and D. Nelson regarding council makeup. The commission discussed several scenarios and all agreed this needs further investigation. J. Chiota will discuss with Atty. Maslen.

The commission members also discussed the possibility of a change in the length of terms for the First Selectman, the Treasurer and the Town Clerk from two (2) years to four (4) years.

*The Commission scheduled two meetings in January as follows:*

*Tuesday, January 11, 2011, at 7:00PM; and*

*Wednesday, January 26, 2011, at 7:00PM*

*Meeting Adjourned 8:50PM.*

Respectfully submitted:  
Marilou Mangiamele, Clerk

