

CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
MARCH 9, 2011

MOTIONS & VOTES

***AMENDED March 14, 2011**

Called to Order: The Vice Chairman, William S. Holden, called the meeting to order at 7:10PM.

Present: William S. Holden, Vice Chairman; Gail J. Hanna, Secretary; James Cordone, Esq.; Russell Friedson; and Paul Timpanelli

Absent: John P. Chiota, Esq.

Also Present: Edward Gratrix, Chief, Trumbull Volunteer Fire Department
Paul Ruskay, Commissioner, Trumbull Center Fire District

Amendment of the Minutes dated February 16, 2011 as follows:

MOTION made by J. Cordone, seconded by G. Hanna, to change the approval of the minutes of February 16, 2011 to **February 09, 2011**.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

MOTION made by J. Cordone, seconded by P. Timpanelli, **Section 8. Town Attorney**. Change Town Council to Town **Counsel**.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

MOTION made by W. Holden, seconded by R. Friedson, middle of Page 3, **CHAPTER IV.**

ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET; insert: "**There was a discussion of proposed changes. No vote was taken on said proposal.**"

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

MOTION made by J. Cordone, seconded by R. Friedson, to approve the Minutes of February 16, 2011 as amended.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

Continuing with the revision of the Charter at **CHAPTER VII. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.**

MOTION made by R. Friedson, seconded by G. Hanna, to propose language for a new Section C.

under **Section 1. Board of Finance**; as follows: C. *Internal Auditor*. The Board of Finance shall appoint an internal finance and operations auditor. The Auditor shall have the authority to audit the finances and operations of any Trumbull government entity, included but not limited to, the Town, the Board of Education, Enterprise Funds, Special Agency Accounts and any other government entity receiving and/or spending use charges and any other income. The Auditor shall present his/her reports to the Board of Finance. The Auditor shall have the power, upon the direction of the Board of Finance, to audit the finance and operations of the Town. The Internal Auditor shall have the authority to subpoena any records consistent with these responsibilities.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

MOTION made by P. Timpanelli, seconded by G. Hanna, to propose new language at the end of Paragraph. A. *Composition and election*; **Section 2. Board of Assessment Appeals**; as follows: There shall be two (2) alternate members appointed for all terms by the First Selectman subject to the approval of the Town Council. No one alternate member from any one party.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

MOTION made by P. Timpanelli, seconded by J. Cordone, to leave **Section 3. Board of Education** as it currently reads in the Charter.

VOTE: Motion carried (2-3). Opposed: R. Friedson, G. Hanna, W. Holden.

MOTION made by W. Holden, seconded by R. Friedson, change language for Section. 3. **Board of Education**; as follows:

A. *Composition and election*. The Board of Education shall continue as established subject to and pursuant to the General Statutes, consisting of nine (9) members, each of whom shall be elected for a three (3) year term.

B. After adoption of this Charter the First Selectman shall appoint two (2) members, not more than one from the same political party, to a term expiring in 2013.

In the 2013 election, three (3) members are to be elected to a four (4) year term and three members to be elected to a three (3) year term. Thereafter, at each biennial election two thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board of Education shall be elected; one third (1/3) for the term commencing the year of said election and one third (1/3) for the term commencing the year following said election. Sec. 9-167a of C.G.S. shall apply to the election of members.

VOTE: Motion carried (3-2). Opposed: J. Cordone, P. Timpanelli

MOTION made by R. Friedson, seconded G. Hanna, to change existing *B. Powers and duties*, under Board of Education section, to *C. Powers and duties*.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

MOTION made by P. Timpanelli, seconded by J. Cordone, delete “known as the Trumbull Library Board” in *Paragraph A. Composition* under **Section 4. Library Board of Directors**.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

MOTION made by P. Timpanelli, seconded by G. Hanna, leave *Paragraph B. Appointment* under **Section 4. Library Board of Directors** as it currently reads in the Charter.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

MOTION made by P. Timpanelli, seconded by G. Hanna, to leave *Paragraph C. Powers and duties* under **Section 4. Library Board of Directors** as it currently reads in the Charter.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

MOTION made by P. Timpanelli, seconded by G. Hanna, to leave **Section 5. Planning and Zoning** as it currently reads in the Charter.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

MOTION made by P. Timpanelli, seconded by J. Cordone, to leave **Section 6. Zoning Board of Appeals** as it currently reads in the Charter.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

MOTION made by G. Hanna, seconded by P. Timpanelli, delete the sentence; “Current members designated from the Flood and Erosion Control Board and the Conservation Commission shall serve out their term of office on this Commission.” under **Section 7. Inland Wetlands Commission**, paragraph A. *Composition and appointment*.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

MOTION made by R. Friedson, seconded by G. Hanna, Paragraph A. *Composition and election*; change from two (2) alternate members to three (3) alternate members

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

MOTION made by R. Friedson, seconded by G. Hanna, Paragraph A. *Composition and election*; sentence change from: The two (2) alternate members shall not both be members of the same political party to read as follows: No more than two (2) alternate members shall both be members from the same political party.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

MOTION made by R. Friedson, seconded by G. Hanna, Paragraph A. *Composition and election*; third paragraph, change from two (2) alternate members to three (3) alternate members and from two (2) years to three (3) years.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

AMENDED

***MOTION** made by J. Cordone, seconded by R. Friedson, to leave **Section 26.**

Organizations of Boards and Commissions as it currently reads in the Charter.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

MOTION made by J. Cordone, seconded by R. Friedson, to delete **Section 8. Personnel Appeals Board** subject to advice from Attorney Robert Maslan.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

MOTION made by R. Friedson, seconded by P. Timpanelli, to delete sentence: “All promotions in the Department shall be made from within the Department except that the appointment of a Chief of Police may be from within or without the Department.” in **Section 9. Police Commission; B. Powers and duties**.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

MOTION made by J. Cordone, seconded by G. Hanna, to leave **Section 12. Park Commission** as it currently reads in the Charter.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

MOTION made by R. Friedson, seconded by P. Timpanelli, to change terms approved by the Town Council for three (3) years and three (3) members expiring each year.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

AMENDED

***MOTION** made by G. Hanna, seconded by R. Friedson, in **Section 18. Water Pollution Control Authority** delete last two sentences at the end of A. *Composition and appointment*. “Upon establishment of the alternates, one shall serve a one (1) year term, the other a two (2) year term. Upon expiration of such terms, the term of alternates shall be two (2) years thereafter.”

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

MOTION made by G. Hanna, seconded by J. Cordone, to leave **Section 19. Housing Authority** as it currently reads in the Charter.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

MOTION made by R. Friedson, seconded by J. Cordone, to insert “and documented” under **Section 21. Pension Board**, Paragraph B. - end of third paragraph after “necessary”.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

MOTION made by R. Friedson, seconded by P. Timpanelli, to change thirty (30) days to forty five (45) days in **Section 22. Ethics Commission**; Paragraph D.(2).

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

MOTION made by J. Cordone, seconded by R. Friedson, to leave **Section 29. Public meetings and records** as it currently reads in the Charter.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously (5-0).

The next scheduled meeting and location is:

March 16, 2011 at 7:00PM to be held at the Trumbull Town Hall.

The Charter Revision Commission adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:25PM

Respectfully submitted:

Marilou Mangiamele, Clerk