

# CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

## MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 20, 2011

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

Non-commission members in attendance: Attorney Robert Maslan

### *Meeting Called to Order 7:15PM*

**MOTION** made by G. Hanna to approve the Amended Minutes dated March 30, 2011, seconded by P. Timpanelli.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION** made by G. Hanna to approve the Minutes dated April 6, 2011, seconded by P. Timpanelli.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

The Minutes dated April 13, 2011 were amended as follows:

Page 1, **CHAPTER III. EXECUTIVE BRANCH, Section 3. B.**, delete “acting” before First Selectman and in the same sentence, delete “date” of term.

**MOTION** made by G. Hanna to approve the Minutes dated April 13, 2011 as amended, seconded by P. Timpanelli.

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission members continued reviewing all of the chapters of the Charter for preparation for submittal of the First Draft Report to the Town Council at the Public Hearing on April 27, 2011.

The following revisions were made to **CHAPTER II. LEGISLATIVE BRANCH:**

#### **Section 12. Vacancies in the council.**

In the first sentence, after “the same voting district”, insert: “or at large, or the case may be”.

The following revisions were made to **CHAPTER III. EXECUTIVE BRANCH:**

#### **Section 2. Powers and duties.**

Subsection (n): Take out previously inserted language: “by ordinance or set forth in section 6.1G(l)”.

#### **Section 3. Absence, disability, vacancy, etc.**

B. In the first paragraph, replace “recall” with “referendum”.

B. In the second paragraph, delete: “acting” before “First Selectman”.

#### **Section 13. Civil Preparedness**

Delete Paragraph B. *Amendment of section.*

Insert: new "Section 16. Department of Economic and Community Development."

Insert: new "Section 17. Director of Labor Relations."

#### **CHAPTER IV. ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET.**

No changes.

#### **CHAPTER V. APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND THE CAPITAL AND NON RECURRING FUND DURING THE COURSE OF THE FISCAL YEAR.**

No changes.

#### **CHAPTER VI. BOND ISSUES.**

No changes.

The following revisions were made to **CHAPTER VII. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:**

Globally replace "Council" with "Town" Council in this chapter.

**MOTION** made by W. Holden, **CHAPTER VII. BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS, Section 3. Board of Education.** A. *Composition and election.* The first paragraph to read as it currently reads in the first draft and the second paragraph to read as follows: "In the 2013 election, six (6) members shall be elected to a two (2) year term, thereafter, commencing with 2015, all nine (9) members shall be elected to a four (4) year term subject to the provision of section 9167-a of the Connecticut General Statutes.", seconded by R. Friedson.  
VOTE: failed (4-2).

##### **Section 3. Board of Education.**

###### *B. Transition elections.*

First sentence, should read as follows: At the municipal election in 2013, "six (6)" members shall to be elected to terms of "two (2)" years each.

##### **Section 7. Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission.**

###### *A. Composition and appointment.*

First sentence: correct spelling, correct "Watercourses" (plural).

Second paragraph: correct year"s" (should be plural "exceed three (3) year").

##### **Section 11. Park and Recreation Commission.**

###### *B. Officers and Employee.*

Replace "Section 12A" with "Section 14A".

###### *F. Transition Terms.*

Replace "Section 13" with "Charter".

##### **Section 16. Ethics Commission.**

###### *B. Powers and duties.*

*Subsection (b):* Replace "Town Council with "Charter".

###### *D. Procedure.*

At the end of the first sentence insert: "Adhere to the confidentiality requirements of the statute and also the Ethics Commission and shall observe the following procedural rules."

**Section 18. Emergency Medical Services Commission.**

A. *Composition and appointment.*

Subsection 1. Should read: “which consists” to read as “which shall consist”.

C. *Powers and duties.*

Replace: “and duty” with “in its discretion”.

**Section 20. Civil Service Board.**

Take out Civil Service Board previously deleted and also delete Paragraph B.

The following revisions were made to **CHAPTER VIII. ELECTORAL PROCESS:**

**Section 4. Majority Limitation.**

The first paragraph, end of the second sentence, insert: “except for members elected at large”.

**Section 7. Referendum.**

A. *Right of freedom.* Change to *Right of* “referendum”.

B. *Petition Requirements.*

Subsection 5. Take out previously inserted language: “If the subject matter of any petition affects the status of the Town Clerk, the duties herein imposed upon the Town Clerk shall be performed by the Registrar of Voters.”

The following revisions were made to **CHAPTER IX. ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT PROCEDURES:**

**Section 7. Referendum on approval of Charter.**

The first sentence should read as follows: The Charter as revised shall be submitted to the electors of the Town for approval at the election to be held on “November 9, 2011 or such later date as the election shall be certified as final”.

A Public Hearing is scheduled for April 27, 2011 and the next Commission Meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2011.

***Meeting Adjourned: 9:25PM***

Respectfully submitted,

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Marilou Mangiamele, Commission Clerk