

Charter Revision Commission Minutes
Windham Town Hall First Floor Conference Room

Monday July 11, 2016

Attendees: Christel Donahue, Dan Lein, Harry Carboni, Josh Eves,

1. Call to order: Harry Carboni called the meeting to order at 7:38pm
2. Citizens and delegations (Public Comment): James Flores (Willimantic)- asked for the reading of the new language.
Laurie Jeffers (Willimantic)- Feels there needs to be language added in if a person leaves a position (special election instead of appointment). She feels the commission should not submit a recommendation on the issue but instead ask for a formal 16-month charter revision commission to be opened up.
3. Discussion and possibly act on proposed changes to the Town Charter: Dan Lein made a motion to submit the draft report of the changed language of section X-7 to the Town Council at their next meeting on July 19th 2016., seconded by Josh Eves; motion passed.

Dan Lein made a motion to submit the ideas brought up by the public to the Town Council as issues to be looked at and have a possible 16-month Charter Revision Commission developed., seconded by Josh Eves: motion passed.

Minority report submitted by Dan Lein was read: The Charter Commission has forwarded a slight change to the Town Charter. I am in disagreement with this change and submit to you that the change is unnecessary. The current charter is sufficient to address the possibility of a rejection or rejections of the proposed budgets. While the State is having difficulty establishing monies it will send to the cities and towns for a given fiscal year, the Town of Windham should look to June 15 as a date when it will send out its tax bills to the firm that prepares our tax bills regardless of the budgets passing or not. Historically, for ten years or so, the Tax Collector's office has been able to manage the collection of monies owed to the Town when the budgets have failed to pass in a timely manner. The difficulty comes when the tax bills are not sent out by June 15. The proposed Charter change will not guarantee that the budgets will pass. Whether or not the Charter is changed, we should concentrate our efforts on sending out our tax bills on a consistent and timely basis. To go beyond June 15 causes a myriad of problems. Town residents need to know that a bill will be coming by the beginning of July and the Town will also know that it has sufficient funds to begin the new fiscal year.

4. Approval of Minutes: June 14th 2016th, June 23rd 2016, June 23rd Public Hearing and June 30th 2016- Josh Eves made a motion to approve all minutes, seconded by Dan Lein; motion passed (Christel Donahue abstained for the minutes of the 30th)

5. Citizens and Delegations (Public Comment); None
6. Adjournment- Dan Lein made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Josh Eves-motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm

Minutes Respectfully submitted by Jessica Niles - Clerk of the Charter Revision Commission