

# **WINDHAM TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**



## **WINDHAM TOWN HALL Bellingham Auditorium**

**Tuesday, August 2, 2016 – 6:30 P.M.**

The Windham Town Council held a Public Hearing on Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at 6:30 PM in the Windham Town Hall Bellingham Auditorium, 979 Main Street, Willimantic, CT, to hear public comment on the revisions to the Town of Windham Charter proposed by the Charter Revision Commission.

Mary Gallucci, North Street, Willimantic, asked for clarification on the proposed changes to the Charter. She also spoke about the role of the Board of Finance with regards to the Board of Education budget.

Paula Haney, South Windham, member of the Board of Finance, asked if there was any leeway to make additional changes to the Charter.

Mayor Eldridge stated the Commission had been created to look at one particular issue.

Lori Jeffers, Willimantic, spoke about the Charter looking at all issues brought before them. She also spoke about having a firm date for budget referenda's.

James Flores thanked the Charter Revision Commission members for their work and asked that Mr. Lein be given the opportunity to address the Town Council regarding any questions on the proposed Charter change. He also spoke in favor of supporting the Charter change.

Tom DeVivo spoke about the Board of Finance setting the date for the budget referendum and how it would be possible to judge when the General Assembly would have a budget.

Dan Lein, resident of Willimantic and Charter Revision Commission member, spoke about possibly creating another Charter Revision Commission to address other Charter changes and noted his interest in serving on that Commission. He also agreed with the comments of Mr. DeVivo and explained the procedures for sending the tax bills. He stated he is not in favor of the proposed Charter change.

Dawn Niles questioned whether the Charter Revision Commission discussed all the dates.

DeVivo MOVED, Flores seconded, to close the Public Hearing at 6:52 P.M. All were in favor.  
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **Submitted By:**

**Barbara J. McKinney  
Clerk of the Town Council**