

TOWN OF GRANBY
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING

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March 22, 2023

Members Present: Chairman Edward Ohannessian
Vice-Chairman Anthony McGovern- Arrived 6:07 p.m.
Commissioner Anthony Cappelli
Commissioner Rebecca Brewer
Commissioner Benjamin Perron
Commissioner Mark Lockwood
Commissioner Francis Brady
Commissioner Lynn Guelzow – Via Zoom
Commissioner Terri-Ann Hahn

Others Present: Scott A. Nolan, Town Clerk
Kimi Cheng, Finance Director
Richard P. Roberts, Town Attorney

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Edward Ohannessian called the meeting of the Charter Revision Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Granby Town Hall Meeting Room.

II. PUBLIC INPUT

Robert James Flanigan, Jr. (*Woodcliff Drive*) addressed members of the Charter Revision Commission regarding the public input that had been submitted several weeks ago and inquired about the plan on addressing the public's feedback as Mr. Flanigan explained that he felt that many items had not yet been addressed. Mr. Flanigan also inquired about the timeline and what the process would be going forward.

III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Commissioner Mark Lockwood made a motion for the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Granby Charter Revision Commission hereby approves the minutes of the Charter Revision Meeting of March 7, 2023.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rebecca Brewer at which time a discussion took place regarding the need to make a correction noting that Commissioner Lockwood was present for the 3/7/2023 meeting and Commissioner Benjamin Perron was absent. After a brief discussion, the motion passed by a voice of **8** ayes (Commissioners Ohannessian, Cappelli, Brewer, Brady, Guelzow, Hahn, McGovern) **0** nays, and **1** abstention (Commissioner Perron)
MOTION CARRIES.

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IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: Grand Levy Vs. Tax Levy

Finance Director Kimi Cheng explained to members of the Charter Revision Commission about the difference between the Grand Levy and the Tax Levy and why she felt at the time the last charter revision Commission would have used both terms due to the way taxes are collected and that not all taxes are collectible at 100% every year and that some things are exempt. Finance Director Kimi Cheng further explained that if members of the current charter revision Commission wanted to make a change going forward, she believed this would have no effect on any of the financial audit reporting processes. Finance Director Kimi Cheng also explained to members of the Charter Revision Commission about the difference between the self-funded accounts and how the money in the self-funded accounts affects the budget.

B. Discussion Item: Review of Charter Revision Outstanding Questions with the Town Attorney

Town Attorney, Richard Roberts addressed members of the Charter Revision Commission regarding an overview of the current Town Charter and some of the feedback and responses he had received from the Charter Revision Commission. Town Attorney, Richard Roberts further explained Sections 2-4 Eligibility for Office, Sections 3-8 and 3-9 Zoning Board of Appeals and Zoning Board of Appeal Alternates, section 4-3 the Board of Selectmen's General Powers and Duties, section 4-5 Public Hearing on Ordinances, section 6-6 Town Attorney, section 8-2 Police Department section 9-4 Retirement of Town Employees, section 10-5(f), and chapter 10 of the Granby town Charter. further discussion took place and Town Attorney, Richard Roberts took questions from members of the Charter Revision Commission regarding some of their other various concerns at which time further discussion took place.

C. Discussion Item: Review of Land Use Boards, Planning & Zoning Commission & Zoning Board of Appeals Process

Members of the Charter Revision Commission discussed the process of the land use development boards and if it was possible to modify the process to allow some of the other boards and commissions to insert themselves into the process with regards to land development.

D. Discussion Item: Charter Revision

Chairman Edward Ohannessian discussed what he thought the next steps of the charter revision Commission should be and felt that now that the group had received feedback from the Town Attorney, they could begin reviewing the town charter for their second reading to get a straw poll on

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whether or not members of the charter revision Commission we're interested in making a change in the appropriate sections.

At 7:39 p.m. Chairman Edward Ohannessian called for a 5-minute recess. At 7:43 p.m. The Charter Revision Commission resumed their discussions after a brief recess. Further discussion took place regarding adding a requirement that all boards and commissions have a mandatory public input/comment portion on all meeting agendas. After a brief discussion, the majority of the charter revision Commission dissented, and the discussion ended.

Discussion took place regarding Chapter 1 (Incorporation and General Powers) and no further input was offered regarding additional changes to be made to the second reading. Discussion took place regarding Chapter 2 (Elections) and how many each political party could nominate along with how many candidates voters can vote for on the ballot. After discussion, the general consensus was to ask the registrar of voters to attend the next charter revision Commission meeting and weigh in on this topic as the Commission still has unanswered questions. After discussion members of the Charter Revision Commission felt that there were no further recommendations at this time to sections 2-4 (Eligibility for Office) and 2-6 (Vacancies) of that Granby town Charter

V. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business took place.

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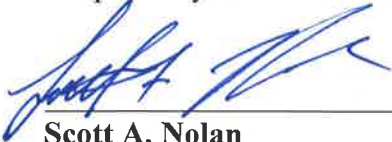
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VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Rebecca Brewer made a motion to adjourn the Charter Revision Commission meeting at 8:25 p.m., which was seconded by Commissioner Mark Lockwood and passed by a unanimous voice vote. (9/0/0)
MOTION CARRIES.

Respectfully submitted & attested,



Scott A. Nolan
Town Clerk

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By SCOTT A. NOLAN, Town Clerk