

TOWN OF GRANBY
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
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April 26, 2023

Members Present: Chairman Edward Ohannessian
Vice-Chairman Anthony McGovern
Commissioner Anthony Cappelli
Commissioner Rebecca Brewer Via Zoom
Commissioner Mark Lockwood
Commissioner Francis Brady
Commissioner Lynn Guelzow
Commissioner Terri-Ann Hahn
Commissioner Benjamin Perron

Others Present: Scott A. Nolan, Town Clerk
Laura Wolfe, Democratic Registrar of Voters

**PURPOSE: 2ND PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE CITIZEN INPUT AND SOLICIT
FEEDBACK ON THE GRANBY TOWN CHARTER FOR THE PURPOSES
OF REVISION**

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, Chairman Edward Ohannessian called the Charter Revision Commission Public Hearing to order on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room of the Granby Town Hall, 15 North Granby Road, Granby, Connecticut to receive citizen input and solicit feedback on the Granby Town Charter for the purposes of revision.

Scott A. Nolan, Town Clerk read the call of the public hearing after which, Chairman Edward Ohannessian opened the floor for public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Selectman Mark C. Neumann (*26 Buttes Road*) thanked members of the Charter Revision Commission for their work and inquired about the Board of Selectmen vote count and asked for further clarification about the total number of candidates a voter could vote for regarding the Board of Selectmen race.

Robert James Flanagan Jr. (*Woodcliff Drive*) addressed members of the Charter Revision Commission regarding a concern of duly elected officials and adding a provision mandating elected officials fill out their entire term prior to serving on another Board/ Commission. Mr. Flanagan further addressed the Charter Revision Commission about the request of putting language in the Town Charter about bundling budget/ Bond items together in a single referendum question.

Laura Wolfe, Democratic Registrar of Voters addressed members of the Charter Revision Commission and thanked them for their service. Laura Wolfe, Democratic Registrar of Voters noted

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that the change in section 3-4(C) is concerning for her as it will affect petitioning candidates and that this change might also affect minority candidates.

Maureen Eberly (*Written Testimony received Via Email 4/26/2023 at 4:00 p.m. to Charter@Granby-ct.gov*) Question: Do you plan to put together a document in draft form, and to that add a list of previous language contained in the old Charter, along with the new proposed language? Additionally, will you summarize the rationale for those proposed changes so that when residents vote on the proposed changes, they have a clear understanding of what and why changes were made? Thank you, Maureen Eberly.

There being no more public wishing to speak before the hearing, Chairman Edward Ohannessian declared the Public Hearing closed at 6:38 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted & attested,



Scott A. Nolan
Town Clerk

Received for Record May 1, 2023, at 3:00 PM
By SCOTT A. NOLAN, Town Clerk