

TOWN OF GRANBY
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

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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

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. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Commissioner Terri-Ann Hahn 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 April 13, 2023.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lynn Guelzow which passed by a unanimous voice vote (9/0/0) **MOTION CARRIES**.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion Item: Review of Charter Revision Commission Timeline

Scott A. Nolan, Town Clerk gave a brief overview of the revised Charter Commission Timeline explaining to members of the Charter Revision Commission that per the Board of Selectmen an alternation was needed due to the Board of Selectmen's summer meeting schedule. Town Clerk, Scott Nolan further explained that the adjustment of the timeline allowed the Charter Revision Commission an additional meeting to allow them to continue their work.

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**B. Discussion Item: Review of Charter Revision Outstanding Questions from
Town Attorney**

Scott A. Nolan, Town Clerk gave a brief overview of the information that was passed along for our Town Attorney regarding feedback on some of the Charter Revisions questions and further discussion took place regarding the feedback.

At 6:30 p.m., Chairman Edward Ohannessian called for a brief recess for the purpose of calling the Public Hearing to order to receive citizens input on the proposed edits and revisions of the draft of the Granby Town Charter as on file with the Granby Town Clerk's Office.

At 6:38 p.m., Chairman Edward Ohannessian called the Charter Revision Commission meeting back to order following the Public Hearing to resume their regularly scheduled meeting.

Members of the Charter Revision Commission began discussing the feedback that had been presented at the Public Hearing including the change to the number of candidates that a registered voter could vote for in regard to the Board of Selectmen race. Discussion also took place regarding the conflict-of-interest section 3-11 taking the waiting period from 1 year to 6-months. Members of the Charter Revision Commission further addressed the issue of bundling items in referendum questions and felt that it was more of a policy issue rather than an item that could be included in the Town Charter.

C. Discussion Item: Charter Revision

Discussion took place regarding Chapter 5 (Board of Finance), and it was noted that sections 5-1 & 5-2 may be redundant, and that further clarification would be needed as all Boards & Commissions are to adhere to this section and not just specifically the Board of Finance.

Discussion took place regarding Chapter 10 (Finance and Taxation), and the annual budget process. Members of the Charter Revision Commission took an opportunity to review the meeting dates and the timeline for the annual budget process to ensure that the timing of the budget was appropriate.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

No new business took place.

V. PUBLIC INPUT

Selectman Mark C. Neumann (*26 Buttles Road*) thanked members of the Charter Revision Commission for including more inclusive language (Selectman/ Selectwoman) when addressing members of the Board of Selectmen.

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VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Mark Lockwood made a motion to adjourn the Charter Revision Commission meeting at 7:17 p.m., which was seconded by Commissioner Lynn Guelzow and passed by a unanimous voice vote. (9/0/0)
MOTION CARRIES.

Respectfully submitted & attested,



Scott A. Nolan

Town Clerk

Received for Record May 1, 2023, at 4:16 PM
By SCOTT A. NOLAN, Town Clerk