

**TOWN OF GRANBY
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION 2011
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 4, 2012**

PRESENT: Francis Brady, Chairman; Terri Ann Hahn, Lowell Johnson, Sheri Litchfield, Jim Lofink, Melissa Migliaccio, Bruce Murtha, and David Russell

The meeting of the Charter Revision Commission 2011 was called to order by Chairman Francis Brady at 7:30 p.m. The Commission recognized an excused absence from Ms. Hornish.

PUBLIC

Chairman Brady asked for public comment. James Glenney of 33 Glen Road commented to the commission that the town is holding a referendum vote for the \$11.4M capital project issue. He felt if the town holds a referendum vote for \$11.4M, then the town should hold a referendum budget vote for \$34M because it's a greater amount of money.

Commission member, Mr. Johnson, commented he had received an email from Ms. King on comment for consideration of the charter revision. Mr. Johnson will forward it to the Chairman and Recording Secretary for discussion at next meeting.

Commission member, Ms. Hahn, commented she had received questions from the registrar of voters from the last referendum held and these will be brought up at another meeting.

MINUTES

The minutes of the December 14, 2011 meeting were reviewed.

ON A MOTION by Bruce Murtha, seconded by Melissa Migliaccio, the Commission voted (9-0-0) to approve the minutes of December 14, 2011, as presented.

The public hearing minutes of the December 14, 2011 meeting were reviewed.

ON A MOTION by Lowell Johnson, seconded by Bruce Murtha. A discussion lead by Ms. Hahn was held. The Board voted unanimously (8-0-0) to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2011, with one correction.

- Under James Sansone comments, number one, add the following words to the end of the sentence " with respect to vacancy".

CONSIDERATION OF CHARTER CHAPTERS FOUR, FIVE, AND SIX (discussion led by Ms. Hahn and Mr. Johnson)

Ms. Hahn distributed a portion of the Connecticut General Statutes to use for review and the working group discussion document.

Section 4-1: A review was made and discussion held.

Section 4-2: A review was made and discussion held. Recommendations were capitalization of Board of Selectmen throughout the Charter and to check into current civil process procedure with the Town Clerk and statute.

Section 4-3: A review was made and discussion held. In this section:

- Consideration to be given for clarification as to the Board of Selectmen being the legislative power and First Selectman being included as a member of the Board of Selectmen who 'shall have the powers and duties conferred by the general and special laws of the state'.
- Consideration to be given to clarify the word "ordinance" or change the words to "local laws or some other term" in this section.
- Check into the words "printed in word form" and also the words "two copies of such code" as still being appropriate and handling it for future reference.
- Check into the reason and accuracy of the sentence describing the "board of selectmen may contract for service and the use of facilities of the United States or any federal agency, the State of Connecticut, ...".
- Check into the words "except as otherwise specially provided in this charter" for the meaning of cross references.

Section 4-4: A review was made. Check into alternate ways to express the words "three members" (perhaps a percentage).

Section 4-5: A review was made and no change is suggested at this time.

Section 5-1, 5-2, 5-3: A review was made and no change is suggested at this time.

Section 6-1: A review was made and more review and input from other boards is suggested.

Section 6-2: Check into who are officers as related to this section and if current and applicable for future reference.

Section 6-3: A review was made and no change is suggested at this time.

Section 6-4: Consideration of rewriting this section as it is close to duplicating section 2-2 except for the words "appointive" or words similar to it.

Section 6-5: A review was made and no change is suggested at this time.

Section 6-6: A review was made. Chairman Brady will check with Town Attorney Holtman about the roles and differences of the "town attorney" and "school attorney" within a municipality.

Section 6-7: A review was made and no change is suggested at this time.

Section 6-8: A review was made. Check into whether a deputy treasurer should be appointed within the Charter and the General Statute Section 7-80 as it relates to deputy treasurer.

The group commented that changes should not necessarily be made for a simple reason of a change. Ms. Hahn and Mr. Johnson took detailed notes regarding the above sections discussed and will report back at a later date.

CONFIRM DATE OF NEXT MEETING

A future Saturday morning informational meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2012. A notice will be sent to newspapers for advertisement. Chairman Brady will provide a letter for other boards to attend future meetings or provide written comment on how the charter might be improved. Meeting dates up to March 2012 will be added to the Commission's home-page on Granby's website.

The Charter Revision Commission 2011 next regular meeting is scheduled on January 18, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

On a **MOTION** by Lowell Johnson, seconded by Terri Hahn, the Board voted unanimously (8-0-0) to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia I. Chieski
Recording Secretary