

**TOWN OF GRANBY  
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION 2011  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 14, 2011**

The Public Hearing of the Charter Revision Commission 2011 was called to order by Chairman Francis Brady at 7:00 p.m.

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

Chairman Brady opened the hearing and read the legal notice as published in the *Hartford Courant and the town's website December 1, 2011*. The Charter Revision Commission has called for a Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding the Town of Granby Charter 2002.

Patricia I. Chieski, Executive Secretary for the Town of Granby, was present and provided additional information on the process of collecting data from the Charter that is being reviewed now. Some interpretation review was necessary at times because of work being done by the Board of Selectmen or the Administration office. There were no controversial issues during collection of the data.

Chairman Brady stated no verbal or written correspondence regarding the Charter was received.

James Sansone of 47 Cedar Heights made comments as follows:

1. Investigate the role of the governing body, Board of Selectmen, for possible expansion.
2. Research the idea of changing the elective Planning and Zoning Commission to an appointed commission.
3. Check into the language usage in Charter Section 9-3, in particular the words "may" and "shall".
4. Examine the pros and cons for adding Capital Program Priority Advisory Committee (CPPAC) function in the Charter.

Len Murray of 11 Sawmill Road made comments as follows:

1. The budget vote be conducted under a referendum vote.
2. The budget vote should be divided into two votes, one for the municipal budget and one for the school budget.

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The Commission asked Mr. Sansone questions about his comments. Questions and his reply are:

1. For dot point #3, it would keep the language usage consistent in this section of the Charter.
2. For dot point #2, the Planning and Zoning Commission does not carry more weight than several appointed commissions and it is becoming harder to find people who want to volunteer for an elected position. Mr. Murtha's comment to this response was that this Commission could have heated matters coming before them.
3. For dot point #4, CPPAC is a unique commission in which representation is from Board of Selectmen, Board of Education, and Board of Finance and performs a role in Granby's government.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia I. Chieski  
Recording Secretary