

**TOWN OF GRANBY
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

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February 9, 2023

Members Present: Chairman Edward Ohannessian
Vice-Chairman Anthony McGovern
Commissioner Lynn Guelzow
Commissioner Rebecca Brewer
Commissioner Mark Lockwood
Commissioner Benjamin Perron
Commissioner Anthony Cappelli

Members Absent: Commissioner Francis Brady
Commissioner Terri-Ann Hahn

Others Present: Erica P. Robertson, Town Manager
Scott A. Nolan, Town Clerk

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Edward Ohannessian called the meeting of the Charter Revision Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Granby Town Hall Meeting Room.

II. 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 Public Hearing of February 2, 2023.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lynn Guelzow which passed by a unanimous voice vote (7/0/0) **MOTION CARRIES**.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Charter Revision Items

Chairman Edward Ohannessian thanked members of the Commission for their comments at the last meeting. Chairman Edward Ohannessian asked Town Clerk, Scott A. Nolan to provide a brief update regarding the outstanding items that the Charter Revision Commission was waiting for. Scott A. Nolan, Town Clerk informed members of the Charter Revision Commission that he had begun reaching out to staff members, the Town Manager, and the Town Attorney to get clarification on their questions and that further information would be forthcoming.

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Commissioner Lynn Guelzow inquired about whether or not the Board of Finance had submitted feedback yet, at which time members had an opportunity to review the feedback and suggested that the Board of Finance Chairman join members at an upcoming meeting to review the suggestions.

Members of the Charter Revision began a discussion on the language in Chapter 4 (The Board of Selectmen). Discussion took place about the First Selectman, Board of Selectmen's General Powers and Duties, Procedure, Public Hearing on Ordinance, Petition for Overrule of Action by the Board of Selectmen, and Coordination. Further discussion took place regarding the use of pronouns (i.e., selectman vs. selectperson) and whether or not language should be added or changed to be more inclusive.

Members of the Charter Revision began a discussion on the language in Chapter 5 (Board of Finance). Discussion took place about the Board of Finance, their general duties, the annual audit, and why the Board of Finance was singled out as being the only Board in the Town Charter to have its own section. Commissioner Mark Lockwood offered to review this section further and do some additional research in regards to the Board of Finance section of the Town Charter and Connecticut General Statutes.

Members of the Charter Revision began a discussion on the language in Chapter 6 (Appointive Officers). Discussion took place about the appointed officers including the Town Manager, a Town Attorney, and a treasurer. Further discussion took place on the terms of office, general powers and duties, minority representation, vacancies, the Town Attorney, the Combined functions and positions, and the Town Treasurer.

Commissioner Benjamin Perron made a motion for the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Granby Charter Revision Commission hereby closes the old business portion of the Charter Revision Agenda of February 9, 2023.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lynn Guelzow which passed by a unanimous voice vote (7/0/0) **MOTION CARRIES**.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Benjamin Perron inquired about whether or not members of the Board of Finance would be available at an upcoming meeting to review the feedback that the Board of Finance had submitted and requested that we extend an offer to allow members to come in and speak to the group.

There being no more New Business to discuss Commissioner Lynn Guelzow made a motion for the adoption of the following resolution:

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the Granby Charter Revision Commission hereby closes the new business portion of the Charter Revision Agenda of February 9, 2023.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benjamin Perron which passed by a unanimous voice vote (7/0/0) **MOTION CARRIES**.

V. PUBLIC INPUT

David Desiderato (*88 Simsbury Road*) thanked members of the Charter Revision Commission for their hard work and appreciated their discussion on the language surrounding a first selectman vs. selectperson and believes that we should be working on changing language in the Town Charter to reflect more inclusive language.

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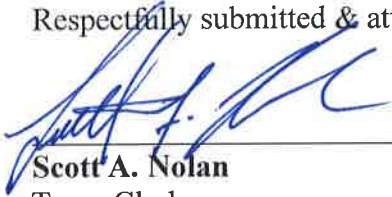
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VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Rebecca Brewer made a motion to adjourn the Charter Revision Commission meeting at 8:21 p.m., which was seconded by Commissioner Lynn Guelzow and passed by a unanimous voice vote. (7/0/0)
MOTION CARRIES.

Respectfully submitted & attested,



Scott A. Nolan
Town Clerk

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By SCOTT A. NOLAN, Town Clerk