

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

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**February 22, 2023**

Members Present: Chairman Edward Ohannessian  
Vice-Chairman Anthony McGovern  
Commissioner Rebecca Brewer  
Commissioner Mark Lockwood  
Commissioner Benjamin Perron- Arrived at 6:12 p.m.  
Commissioner Anthony Cappelli  
Commissioner Francis Brady  
Commissioner Terri-Ann Hahn

Members Absent: Commissioner Lynn Guelzow

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. PUBLIC INPUT**

Glenn Ballard (289 Granville Road) thanked members of the Charter Revision Commission for their hard work and for considering the public input they had received. Mr. Ballard inquired on whether or not the Charter Revision Commission members intended to address each feedback item that was submitted. Mr. Ballard also expressed his thoughts about what belongs in the Town Charter and what does not; expressing that it is the people's document. Mr. Ballard also mentioned that he liked the idea of adding an ethics board to the Town Charter.

**III. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Commissioner Rebecca Brewer 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 February 9, 2023.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Anthony Cappelli which passed by a voice vote of 7 ayes (Chairman Edward Ohannessian, Vice-Chairman Anthony McGovern, Commissioners Brewer, Lockwood, Perron, Cappelli, and Brady), 0 nays, and 1 abstention (Commissioner Hahn). **MOTION CARRIES.**

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**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Charter Revision Items**

Chairman Edward Ohannessian thanked members of the Commission for their comments at the last meeting and suggested that members proceed with the first reading of the Charter and then circle back to the topics that there are outstanding questions on. Town Clerk, Scott A. Nolan informed member of the Charter Revision Commission that many of their requests for clarification on language in the Charter were still outstanding, but had been passed along to the appropriate party.

Members of the Charter Revision began a discussion on the language in Chapter 7 (Town Manager). Discussion took place about the Appointment of the Town Manager, Duties of Town Manager, Appointments, and the Duties of Officers Appointed by the Town Manager. Further discussion took place regarding the powers of the Chief Executive Officer and the process for appointing an interim Town Manager.

Members of the Charter Revision began a discussion on the language in Chapter 8 (Administrative Agencies). Discussion took place about the Administrative Agencies, and Police Department.

Members of the Charter Revision began a discussion on the language in Chapter 9 (Merit System). Discussion took place about the appointed officers including the Merit System Established, the Classification Service, Political Activity, and Retirement of Town Employees.

Members of the Charter Revision began a discussion on the language in Chapter 12 (Transition and Miscellaneous Provisions). Discussion took place about Removals, Existing Laws and Ordinances, Officials' Bonds, Amendment of this Charter, and Saving Clause.

Commissioner Terri-Ann Hahn 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 22, 2023.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Benjamin Perron which passed by a unanimous voice vote (8/0/0) **MOTION CARRIES**.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Edward Ohannessian informed members of the Charter Revision Commission about the change in the meeting schedule that the group would be having a special meeting on Monday, February 27, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. and cancelling the Thursday, March 9, 2023, meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

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

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Granby Charter Revision Commission hereby closes the new business portion of the Charter Revision Agenda of February 22, 2023.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Terri-Ann Hahn which passed by a unanimous voice vote **(8/0/0) MOTION CARRIES.**

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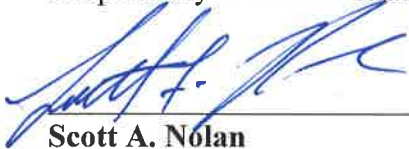
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**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Terri-Ann Hahn made a motion to adjourn the Charter Revision Commission meeting at 8:06 p.m., which was seconded by Commissioner Mark Lockwood and passed by a unanimous voice vote. (8/0/0)  
**MOTION CARRIES.**

Respectfully submitted & attested,



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**Scott A. Nolan**  
Town Clerk

Received for Record February 23, 2023 at 4:38 PM  
By SCOTT A. NOLAN, Town Clerk