

TOWN OF GRANBY
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING

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March 29, 2023

Members Present: Chairman Edward Ohannessian
Vice-Chairman Anthony McGovern
Commissioner Anthony Cappelli
Commissioner Rebecca Brewer
Commissioner Mark Lockwood
Commissioner Francis Brady – Via Zoom
Commissioner Lynn Guelzow – Via Zoom
Commissioner Terri-Ann Hahn

Members Absent: 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. PUBLIC INPUT

No Public Input was offered.

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 March 22, 2023.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lynn Guelzow at which time a discussion took place noting that the vote count was recorded incorrectly; Commissioner Anthony McGovern was not present until after the adoption of the March 22,2023, meeting minutes and the vote should have been recorded as follows;

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the Granby Charter Revision Commission hereby approves the minutes of the Charter Revision Meeting of March 7, 2023.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rebecca Brewer at which time discussion took place regarding the need to make a correction noting that Commissioner Lockwood was present for the

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3/7/2023 meeting and Commissioner Benjamin Perron was absent. After a brief discussion, the motion passed by a voice of 7 ayes (Commissioners Ohannessian, Cappelli, Brewer, Brady, Guelzow, Hahn, Lockwood) 0 nays, and 1 abstention (Commissioner Perron) **MOTION CARRIES.**

After the discussion to the record of votes from the March 22, 2023, Charter Revision Commission Meeting the motion passed by a unanimous voice vote. **(8/0/0) MOTION CARRIES.**

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Outstanding Questions & Presentation from the Registrar of Voters

Laura Wolfe, Democratic Registrar of Voters, and Paul Willis, Republican Registrar of Voters gave a presentation to the Charter Revision Commission regarding items that directly relate to elections that included feedback and comments regarding; political parties' right to nominate candidates, breaking a tie, vacancies, general powers and duties of elected officers, board of selectman 3-4, section 4-6 petition for overruling of action by the board of selectmen, section 10-5 annual budget process specifically regarding the machine vote, and 11-3 when a town meeting is required. Further discussion took place regarding the Registrar of Voter's proposals and feedback.

B. Discussion Item: Charter Revision

Discussion took place regarding Chapter 3 (Elective Officers) and no further input was offered regarding additional changes to be made to the second reading at this time. Discussion took place regarding Chapter 3-4 (Board of Selectmen) and how Connecticut General Statute (C.G.S.) 9-188 and this section of the Town Charter interact with each other and whether or not the Charter Revision Commission should suggest adopting a home rule provision separating the First Selectman race from the Board of Selectmen. The Charter Revision Commission may circle back to this issue after hearing from the Town Attorney. Further discussion took place regarding changing the name of the Board of Selectmen inline with C.G.S.'s to create more inclusive language along with changing the pronouns.

Discussion took place regarding Chapter 4 (The Board of Selectmen) and no further input was offered regarding additional changes to be made to the second reading at this time.

Discussion took place regarding Chapter 5 (Board of Finance) and no further input was offered regarding additional changes to be made to the second reading at this time.

Discussion took place regarding Chapter 6 (Appointive Officers, Boards, and Commissions) and no further input was offered regarding additional changes to be made to the second reading at this time.

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V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution Setting a Time and Place for a Public Hearing to Receive Citizen Input on Charter Revision Items

Commissioner Mark Lockwood made a motion for the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Granby Charter Revision Commission set **Wednesday, April 26, 2023**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Meeting Room of the Granby Town Hall, 15 North Granby Road, Granby, Connecticut, as the time and place for a Public Hearing to receive citizen 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. Interested parties are invited to attend the Public Hearing or email input to Charter@Granby-ct.gov prior to April 26, 2023.

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

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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 8:56 p.m., which was seconded by Commissioner Terri-Ann Hahn and passed by a unanimous voice vote. **(8/0/0)**
MOTION CARRIES.

Respectfully submitted & attested,



Scott A. Nolan
Town Clerk

Received for Record March 30, 2023, at 5:27 PM
By SCOTT A. NOLAN, Town Clerk