

**TOWN OF GRANBY
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Granby Town Hall
Town Hall Meeting Room
15 North Granby Road
Granby, CT 06035

PURPOSE: PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE CITIZEN INPUT ON THE PROPOSED EDITS AND REVISIONS OF THE DRAFT REPORT TO THE GRANBY TOWN CHARTER

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Granby Town Hall Meeting Room 15 North Granby Road, Granby, CT 06035 to receive citizen input on the proposed edits and revisions of the Draft Report to the Granby Town Charter.

PUBLIC COMMENT

First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino read the call of the Public Hearing and noted that this item had previously been discussed at a Board of Selectmen meeting. First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino also explained that there had recently been a change made to the chat feature of the Zoom portion of the meeting and that due to citizen feedback, the chat feature would now be sent directly to the host of the meeting. First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino also took an opportunity to thank members of the Charter Revision Commission for their work and for providing recommendations to the Town Charter. First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino invited members of the public present and wishing to speak to do so at this time.

Maureen Eberly (*Silkey Road*) gave input regarding that she felt there were many things in the Draft Report that were valid and justifiable. Ms. Eberly expressed that she would like to see an additional item added to the Town Charter regarding the sale of public property in section eleven. Ms. Eberly also expressed that she would like to see a provision in the Town Charter that does not allow bundling items at Town votes. Ms. Eberly further expressed that she would like to see an ethics commission created to ensure that elected officials, boards & commissions, and Town employees are being held accountable to a code of conduct. Ms. Eberly also noted that she believes that language should be added to the Town Charter to ensure that elected officials are serving their full term of office after being elected.

Reinhard Maier (*138 Day Street*) gave input regarding access to a red-line copy of the revisions of the Town Charter and noted that he had trouble downloading the Draft Report from the website and that he would like to receive a red-line copy of the proposed revisions of the Town Charter. Mr. Maier also noted that he would like to see a head-to-head election for the First Selectmen seat on the November ballot. Mr. Maier further explained that he would also like to see equivalent party

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representation on each Board & Commission that accurately reflects the number of registered voters.

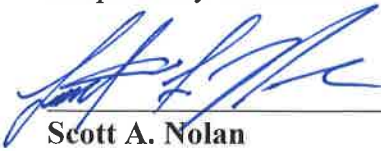
Robert Flanagan, Jr. (*Woodcliff Drive*) gave public input about Town expenditures and that he would like to see language added about prohibiting the bundling of items at Town votes and that items should be put in the budget as line-item votes. Mr. Flanagan also spoke about proposed development projects and inquired why the Town no longer takes Townwide votes on development projects and felt that language should be added to the Town Charter to ensure that this continues.

Laura Wolfe (*Democratic Register of Voters*) gave public input about her concern about the length of the ballots when it comes to itemized votes on a ballot. Ms. Wolfe thanked members of the Charter Revision Commission and further expressed her concern about the changes made to the Board of Selectmen election explaining that she believes the change of voting for 2 vs voting for 4 will make it harder for minority parties to get elected.

Michael Ware (*45 Hungary Road*) gave input about not being able to locate the red-line version of the Draft Report on the Town website and requests that the document be made easier to find on the Town website.

There being no public wishing to speak before the hearing, First Selectman Mark H. Fiorentino adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted & attested,



Scott A. Nolan
Town Clerk

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By SCOTT A. NOLAN, Town Clerk