

BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIALMEETING FINAL MINUTES
Wednesday, June 29, 2022
4:00 pm
In Person in the 1st Floor Conference Room, Independence Hall
725 Old Post Road, Fairfield, CT
and Via Webex

A recording of this meeting can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Sb1TkGyh6Q>.

MEMBERS PRESENT: First Selectwoman Brenda L. Kupchick, Selectman Thomas M. Flynn, Selectwoman Nancy E. Lefkowitz

OTHERS PRESENT: Counsel to Charter Revision Commission/Attorney Steve Mednick, CRC Chair Bryan Cafferelli, CRC Vice-Chair Chris Brogan, CRC Secretary Marlene Battista, CRC Commissioner John Mitola, CRC Commissioner John Wynne, CRC Commissioner Pamela Iacono, Town Attorney Jim Baldwin, CAO Tom Bremer, FairTV

1) CALL TO ORDER

First Selectwoman Kupchick called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm.

2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

First Selectwoman Kupchick led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3) CONTINUATION OF JUNE 27, 2022 BOARD OF SELECTMEN DISCUSSION ON PRESENTATION FROM CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

Attorney Steve Mednick gave a brief summary on what the Charter is – a document for both the public and the Town – and discussed the process of changing items or language in the Charter.

Attorney Mednick then reviewed Article IX-Budget Procedure and Related Matters of the Charter and went through the proposed budget process, including a timeline of the budget.

There was a lengthy discussion about the beginning of the budget process and language in this section.

Selectwoman Lefkowitz asked for clarification on some of the language in section IX, including

language relating to joint Board of Selectmen (BOS) and Board of Finance (BOF) budget hearings.

Selectman Flynn said it needs to be explicitly stated in this section that through votes of the different

branches of government, they have the ability to change the budget process. He said joint BOS and

BOF budget meetings are more efficient and allow for a more robust discussion. He said the BOF

should chair these joint meetings because the BOF is reviewing the BOS's budget. Selectman Flynn

said he doesn't want to compress the budget time frame. He suggests starting at an earlier date than

what is currently done now. First Selectwoman Kupchick suggests starting the budget meetings the

first week of March. A discussion then ensued on the budget process time frame.

Attorney Mednick stressed that at this point, the Charter Revision Commission can only change items suggested by the Board of Selectmen.

Selectwoman Lefkowitz asked if the Commission could take out any language in the Charter and put it into the ordinances in the Town Code. She asked what items the Commission were not able to add to its recommendations to the BOS. Chairman Cafferelli said the Committee compiled all the issues brought to its attention and created a comprehensive agenda/document this past January on what the Commission would look at during the process. He said this work plan took into consideration what the Commission would not be looking at.

4) ADJOURN

Selectman Flynn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 pm. Selectwoman Lefkowitz seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Pru O'Brien
Recording Secretary