

CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
March 24, 2022
7:00 PM
Via Webex
Fairfield, CT

A recording of this meeting can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ZqnnZ1OJiE>

DRAFT MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bryan Cafferelli-Chair, Chris Brogan-Vice Chair, Marlene Battista-Secretary, Jay Gross, Pamela Iacono, John Mitola, John Wynne

OTHERS PRESENT: Attorney Steven Mednick, Town Attorney James Baldwin, FairTV, members of the public

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bryan Cafferelli called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Recording Secretary Pru O'Brien took the roll.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Cafferelli led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Approval of Minutess from March 10, 2022 meeting

Commissioner Brogan made note that at the special 6:00pm meeting on 3/10/22, Chair Bryan Cafferelli was not present and Commissioner Brogan conducted the meeting,. Items 1 & 3, as well as attendance will need to be amended.

Commissioner Wynne made a motion to approve the minutes from the 6:00pm Special Meeting as amended and the minutes of the 7:00pm meeting as written. Commissioner Mitola seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

V. A. Presentation of Governance Model by Counsel: Action Item #3

Attorney Mednick presented his document of Articles and Referendums which is located in the backup documents for this meeting. Attorney Mednick reviewed the document Charter proposed revisions by Article:

- Article II – Elected Officials and Elections
- Article III – Representative Town Meeting
- Article IV –The First Selectman (removing “Board of Selectman and”)
- Article V – Other Elected Officers
- Article VI – Elected Boards and Commissions

Chair Cafferelli suggested scheduling a special meeting to discuss this presentation. Attorney Mednick agreed and suggested bringing in leadership and RTM members. The tentative date for that Special Meeting is Monday, April 4, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Attorney Mednick also suggested reading through the document again and sending comments or views in email. Per FOIA, there will be no debate or response. He will put the ideas and concepts together for the next meeting. It will all be available for the public.

B. Discussion of Remaining Agenda: Comment Grid Update

Attorney Mednick will consult with Attorney Baldwin and the Board of Selectmen to set a date for the CRC to hand over the proposed document to them. As Attorney Mednick looked through the public emails, he asked the Commissioners to go through them and address the comments and suggestions.

Commissioner Iacono said she would like to remove the residency requirement from the Police/Fire Chiefs.

Commissioner Wynne said he is not in favor at this time to remove the residency clause for Police/Fire Chiefs. Commissioner Wynne would like it explored and better defined. Attorney Mednick suggested considering a waiver.

Chair Cafferelli asked the commission to make a list of decisions that need to be made on lesser issues and distribute them a week ahead of the next meeting so everyone is better prepared to make decisions.

VI. Next Steps

The next few weeks will be dealing with and determining the governance issue. Attorney Mednick will then have a Charter for the Commission very different from the Charter we have currently and easier to read.

There will be a Special Meeting on Monday, April 4, 2022 at 7:00pm.

The Commission members thanked Attorney Mednick for his hard work and for creating a great document that was reviewed today.

VII. Adjourn

Chair Cafferelli adjourned the meeting at 9:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pru O'Brien
Recording Secretary