

MINUTES
Special Meeting
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
May 16, 2018

PRESENT: Chairman Dennis Donovan, Commissioners Michael Hornyak, Lise Gazzillo, Eric Bergman, Art Kuever and Mary Jo Phelps

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of May 9, 2018:

- A motion was made by M. Hornyak, seconded by E. Bergman to approve the minutes as amended (E. Bergman left at 8:00 p.m.). The motion carried unanimously.

Interim Finance Director D. Norton will be invited to the next Charter Revision Commission meeting to discuss and get the proper verbiage for the \$35,000 limit and state bidding.

Discussed how the members of the Town Council will be elected with staggered terms.

Stipends would be given to Town Council members as follows:

- A motion was made by E. Bergman, seconded by M. Hornyak to give the Town Council Chairman a stipend of \$1,500 and each Town Councilman a stipend of \$1,000. Discussion ensued.
- A motion was made by E. Bergman, seconded by M. Hornyak to withdraw that motion. This motion carried unanimously.
- A motion was made by E. Bergman to give the Town Council Chairman a stipend of \$3,000 and each Town Councilman no stipend. No second was received. Motion failed.
- A motion was made by E. Bergman, seconded by M. Hornyak to give the Town Council Chairman a stipend of \$1,500 and each Town Councilman a stipend of \$1,000. The motion carried unanimously.

Duties of the Town Manager:

- The commission discussed the duties of the Town Manager and using Killingly, Simsbury, North Branford and Avon's charters recommendations will be made for the Town Manager of Clinton.

Discussed how the Town Manager could be removed from office.

Chapter X – Finance and Taxation:

Section 10-2 Preparation of the Budget:

- Discussed this section and made recommendations for the Charter's final version

Section 10-3 Lying of Taxes:

- Discussed this section and made recommendations for the Charter's final version

Discussed some topics that have been brought forth to commission members:

- There should be automatic reductions to the budget if it fails
- Election of non-party endorsed candidates, most specifically to the BoE
- The Board of Ethics should have stricter penalties

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy McDermott
Clerk