

MINUTES
Charter Revision Commission
March 2, 2023
Municipal Center — Room 302

Present: Quinn Christopher, Dan Ciesielski, John Gasparini, Patrick Kilby, Jo Rosinski, Anthony Tarascio. Dayna Snell was in attendance via zoom.

Staff Present: Michael Paulhus, Town Manager, Andy Cirioli, Assistant Town Manager, Jake Chomick, Town Attorney, and Cindy Porrini, Town Clerk

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Chairman Gasparini.

2. Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve meeting minutes of the February 16, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes: Commissioner Ciesielski Second by: Commissioner Rosinski

All in Favor 6, Opposed 0, Motion Passes Unanimously

(Commissioner Snell joined the meeting at this time)

3. Old Business – Chapters 1-4

Chapter 1 – Incorporation and General Powers

Discussion was held, no additional changes were suggested to this Chapter.

Chapter 2 – Officers and Elections

Section 1.

Paragraph B, Municipal Elections. Chairperson Gasparini suggested tabling this section, paragraph, B, until further clarification is received from the Town Attorney.

Chairman Gasparini, moved to table this item: Second by: Commissioner Ciesielski.

Section 2. – Section 6.

Discussion was held, no additional changes were suggested to these sections.

Chapter 3 – Town Council

Section 1.

Discussion was held, no additional changes were suggested to this section.

Section 2. Composition

Discussion was held. The Town Attorney explained the potential negative impact of a 4-year Town Council term. It was decided to table this item until additional information was received from the Cromwell Charter Revision Commission.

Section 3. Compensation

Discussion was held. Motion was made by Commissioner Tarascio: Second by Commissioner Quinn: Should the Town Council Members be Compensated while serving terms of office on the Town Council?

A roll call vote was taken.

YES

Commissioner Ciesielski

NO

Commissioner Christopher

“ ” Kilby

“ ” Rosinski

“ ” Snell

“ ” Tarascio

Chairman Gasparini

ABSTAIN

MOTION DEFEATED: YES – 1; NO – 6; ABSTAIN – 0.

Section 4. – Section 9

Discussion was held, no additional changes were suggested to these sections.

Section 10. Emergency Ordinance

Discussion was held. It was decided to table this item until the commission can receive further clarification from the Town Attorney.

Section 11. – Section 12. & Section 14.

Discussion was held, no additional changes were suggested to these sections.

Section 13. Removals

Discussion was held. It was decided to table this item until the commission can receive further clarification from the Town Attorney.

Chapter 4 – Manager

Section 1.

Discussion was held.

Commissioner Kilby moved to “Leave the Charter as is, with the added language the Town Council waive the residency requirement in order of hiring a Town Manager, but the Town Council’s decision cannot be rendered indecisive or inconclusive or changed by any future Town Council.”

Second by: Commissioner Quinn.

All in Favor 6, Opposed 0, Motion Passes Unanimously

Commissioner Kilby amended the motion to have the suggested language for Section 1. be reviewed and approved by the Town Attorney and presented to the Charter Revision Commission for further consideration.

Second by: Commissioner Quinn.

All in Favor 7, Opposed 0, Motion Passes Unanimously

Section 2 – Section 4.

Discussion was held, no changes were suggested to these sections at this time.

Section 5. Acting Manager

Discussion was held. It was decided to add suggested language “Assistant Town Manager or the Town Manager’s Designee” to this section. Once reviewed and approved by Town Attorney and presented to the Charter Revision Commission for further consideration.

4. New Business

Chapter 5 – Officers & Boards Directly Responsible to the Town Council

Section 1. – Section 4. & Section. 6. – Section 8

Discussion was held, no changes were suggested to these sections at this time.

Section 5.

Chairman Gasparini asked for clarification from the Town Attorney why the members of the Board of Assessment Appeals receive per diem compensation.

Chapter 6 – Administrative Departments & Officers Under the Manager

Section 1. – Section 2.

Discussion was held, no changes were suggested to these sections at this time.

Section 3.

Paragraph B

Commissioner Kilby moved to amend the language to remove “Deputy Fire Marshal”:

Second by: Commissioner Tarascio.

All those in Favor 7, Opposed 0, Motion Passes Unanimously

Paragraph C

Commissioner Kilby asked for clarification regarding the “appointed civilian” to the Safety Committee. The Town Manager will seek guidance from the Human Resource Director.

Section 4. – Section 5.& Section 7.

Discussion was held, no changes were suggested to these sections at this time.

Section 6. Department of Health

Commissioner Snell asked the Town Attorney to review this section to ensure language is compliant with a Regional Health District model.

Chairman Gasparini asked the Commission members to review Chapter 7 – Chapter 9, for the next meeting.

The Regular meeting on March 16th, has been canceled.

5. Adjournment

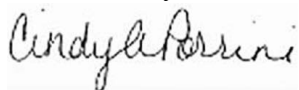
Motion to adjourn: Commissioner Quinn

Second by: Commissioner Tarascio

All those in favor 7, Opposed 0, Motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by,



Cindy A. Porrini, Town Clerk