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MEETING MINUTES
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2024 7:00 P.M.
911 MOUNTAIN ROAD, SUFFIELD, CT

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: Eric Remington, Elizabeth Kaplan and Ray Dalrymple.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeremy Lambert and Mike Haines

ALSO PRESENT: Selectman Kathie Harrington

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Remington called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and invited all to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

UPDATE REGARDING CHARTER PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE PERMANENT BUILDING COMMISSION

Chairman Remington provided a brief overview of what had transpired with regard to a request from the Chairman of the Permanent Building Commission to review wording within the charter that outlined the roles and responsibilities of the Permanent Building Commission. Chairman Remington explained that after further review, the language in question was actually an Ordinance and as such, any changes would be made by the Board of Selectman and not the Charter Revision Commission.

CONTINUE REVIEW OF POTENTIAL CHARTER LANGUAGE CHANGES RELATED TO THE TREASURER POSITION/ROLE

Chairman Remington noted that language changes related to the Treasurer position are the sole remaining items for the Charter Revision Commission to discuss. He mentioned a memo from Town Attorney Donnelly with proposed changes that would be of assistance as they walk through the document. The commission discussed the current Treasurer's duties, how the position may be structured in the future and the need to keep charter language broad and flexible. They walked through each section of the proposed wording, and shared their thoughts, concerns and interpretations of the language. All agreed that the term should be four years, not two years, and will have the option to be renewed. They questioned the reporting hierarchy and discussed their vision. Chairman Remington logged all finalized changes. Extensive discussion ensued as to what information to include in the report to the Board of Selectmen, the process involving the issuance of a Draft Report and properly holding the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Kaplan MOTIONED and Commissioner Dalrymple seconded to accept the changes to the Treasurer role in the Charter as discussed during tonight's meeting and noted on the mark-up of the draft changes. Vote: 3-0 in favor. Motion passed unanimously.