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**MINUTES OF THE JOINT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN & CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION  
JANUARY 15, 2025  
5:30 P.M.  
83 Mountain Road, Suffield CT  
Hybrid Meeting**

**Selectmen present:** Colin Moll, Kathleen Harrington, Pete Hill, Klaire Bielonko and Mel Chafetz (via zoom)

**Charter Revision Commission members present:** Eric Remington, Elizabeth Kaplan (via zoom), Jeremy Lambert (via zoom) and Ray Dalrymple (via zoom)

**Charter Revision commission members absent:** Mike Haines

First Selectman Moll called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and asked everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment**

Annie Hornish, 864 Thrall Avenue

**Discussion of Charter Revision Recommendations**

First Selectman Moll explained that the Board of Selectmen had reviewed the recommendations presented to them, and after careful consideration, decided to ask the Charter Revision Commission to reconsider. This request was based on a number of reasons, including additional information pertaining to outstanding/uncollected taxes that was not available during their fact gathering and evaluation process. The Board of Selectmen submitted their formal request for reconsideration, in writing, to the Charter Revision Commission who met on January 3, 2025 to discuss. After further consideration, the Charter Revision Commission chose to maintain their original recommendation to move the Treasurer position to appointed and leave the Town Clerk and Tax Collector positions as elected. Chairman Remington stated that during this evening's meeting he hoped to be able to explain more thoroughly the rationale the commission used in coming to their final decision. He walked the selectmen through the commission's thought process, outlining the evolution of the Treasurer position from a part-time position with a small stipend to a role that essentially has daily responsibilities. Other concerns included the access to large sums of money and control issues. A lengthy discussion ensued among the selectmen and Chairman Remington, with the selectmen asking questions and expressing concerns. The board expressed strong concerns with some of the logic being applied, as they felt the arguments for moving the Treasurer to an appointed position seemed to also be applicable to the Town Clerk and Tax Collector roles. Chairman Remington addressed their concerns and offered insight as to why the commission saw it differently. He also addressed the additional information the commission was asked to consider and provided the group's assessment of it. Other commission members also shared their thoughts and opinions on the information and asked questions which First Selectman Moll answered accordingly. Procedural issues were discussed

and it was suggested that a meeting with the Tax Collector would be beneficial for all to gain a better understanding of this position and perhaps engage them in helping to create a better policy to address some of the concerns currently being debated.

Selectman Harrington MOTIONED to adjourn at 6:12 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristen O. Lambert  
Recording Secretary