



## CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

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### MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, August 19, 2013

7:00 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

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**PRESENT:** David Olson, Chairman, Nicholas Hoffman, Meghan O’Connor, William Hillman, Paul Improta, Wendy Smith and William Shannon.

**CALL to Order / Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag:** David Olson called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes – April 25, 2013:** Motion made by B. Hillman, seconded by M. O’Connor, to approve the minutes of the May 13<sup>th</sup> 2013 meeting. Motion passed (6-0-1) W. Smith abstained.

#### Public Input

Phil Gallagher                      Sunset Hill Road  
Cynthia McCorkindale              19 Elgin Ave

#### Review of Tentative Conclusions

The minutes of the May meeting were used as a guide for discussion of tentative conclusions. D. Olson reviewed with the Board a change in item 15, and after research by Counsel the conclusion is that this is prohibited by State Statute. Counsel will explain at next meeting.

#### Review of open items on Tracking list – Plan to resolve

B. Hillman was charged with review of petition to overrule of nearby Towns and his conclusion is to not change present petition requirements. The Commission did not take a formal vote on this topic.

N. Hoffman provided information on Towns across the State pertaining to terms of Office for the First Selectman.

The Commission discussed at length various ways of staggering terms for a 5 Member Board of Selectman encompassing 2 and 4 year terms. The consensus of the Commission was to have Counsel prepare several scenarios for their review.

Item 9 pertaining to full & part time employees was referred to Counsel for further clarification on how this item's insertion in the Charter would/could limit the ability to balance the workforce to its needs. D. Olson will report back at the next meeting.

B. Hillman will develop a spreadsheet on salaries of First Selectmen from the region and send this to members prior to next meeting.

Discussion of future meeting dates was inconclusive and members were requested to mail W. Smith their availability for the month of September.

**Other Business:**

Motion by W. Smith seconded by B. Hillman to pay invoice for Counsel in the amount of \$2,856.58. Motion passed unanimously.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn by B. Shannon, seconded by W. Smith. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Beth Cavagna  
Recording Secretary