



CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

CJH Municipal Center – 1 School Street – Bethel, CT 06801

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MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

Thursday, January 16, 2014

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, and Wendy Smith. Also in attendance was Attorney Nicholas Vitti.

CALL to Order / Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: David Olson called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes – January 6, 2014: W. Smith made a motion, which was seconded by N. Hoffman to approve the minutes as is. Vote, All in Favor 5-0. Approved.

Correspondence: None

Invoices: W. Smith made a motion, which was seconded by N. Hoffman, to approve the invoice from Cacace, Tusch and Santagata, Attorneys at Law, in the amount of \$2,125.00 for legal services - November 1 through November 30, 2013. Vote, All in Favor 5-0. Approved.

Review of Public Hearing Information:

B. Hillman made a motion which was seconded by W. Smith, to let counsel make scribes notes as needed to the final report. Vote, All in Favor 5-0. Approved.

The Final Report shall consist of the same four documents that were presented at the Public Hearing - Final Report of the Commission, CRC Tracking Document, Counsel's Summary of Recommended Charter Change and Counsel's Summary Text Changes to the Town of Bethel Charter.

The Commission reviewed the Public Hearing information and then discussed each item:

Item #1 – 5 Member BOS: This item will remain in the Final Report.

Item #2 – 4 Year Terms of Office for BOS: B. Hillman made a motion, which was not seconded, to reconsider moving to 2 Years Terms of Office for BOS. Motion Failed. This item will remain in the Final Report.

Item #3 – First Selectman's Salary: This item will remain in the Final Report.

Item #4 – Change Date of Annual Town Meeting: B. Hillman made a motion, which was seconded by N. Hoffman to reconsider this item. Vote 2 - 3. In Favor B. Hillman, N. Hoffman. Opposed M. O'Connor, W. Smith and D. Olson. Motion Failed. The Commission will ask the

BOS if there are other measures that can be taken to streamline this process, i.e. software changes, and double check with the Comptroller and the Tax Collector before the presentation.

Item #6 – Change Threshold for Actions Requiring a Town Meeting: This item will remain in the Final Report.

Item #7 – Sale, Purchase or Other Disposition of Town Real Estate: This item will remain in the Final Report.

Item #9 – Reference to Full-Time Positions: This item will remain in the Final Report.

Item #10 – Change Bidding Threshold: This item will remain in the Final Report.

Item #11 – Recognize Fire Companies: This item will remain in the Final Report.

Item #12 – Town Department Line Item Budget Review and Approval: Counsel will add clarifying language to C10-2D - Preparation of Budget - 'The BOF shall not eliminate, reduce, or increase individual line item amounts, but will retain control for personnel expenditures'. This item will remain in the Final Report.

Item #13 – Special Appropriations and Transfers: This item will remain in the Final Report.

Item #14 – Budget Neutral Transfers: This item will remain in the Final Report.

Item # 16 – Board of Education Special Revenue Funds Account: The Commission will move this item from Section I on the CRC Tracking Report to Section II – Items No Longer Considered by this Commission.

Item #17 – Location of Meetings: This item will remain in the Final Report.

Item #18 – Public Utilities Commission: This item will remain in the Final Report.

Adjourn: As there was no further business, W. Smith made a motion, which was seconded by B. Hillman to adjourn. Vote, All in favor 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Debra Roper, Recording Secretary