

CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION PRESS RELEASE

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Ridgefield, CT, May 1, 2023;—Before submitting its draft report to the Board of Selectmen, the Charter Revision Commission is offering residents the important opportunity to comment on it in a public hearing on Saturday, May 20, 9:30 AM, in the Town Hall's large conference room. Residents will have access to that draft report in the week leading up to the public hearing. An electronic copy will be posted on the Commission's page of the [town website](#); printed copies will be available at Town Hall's information desk.

To convey the scope of proposed charter changes, the draft report includes several sections. The first is a summary of proposed changes that are being forwarded by the Commission. For each of the proposed changes, this summary gives a short description, the name of the person who suggested it, which section of the charter is affected, and how the commission members voted. The summary also refers to the "change request tracker", a record-keeping tool used by the Commission that provides more detail and is also posted on the website page.

The draft report also includes two versions of the charter. The first is "red-line" version, which shows the current charter edited to reflect the proposed changes. Because that red-line version can be challenging to read, the report includes a clean version, which shows how the revised charter would be written if all the changes were accepted.

Additionally, the draft report lists suggestions that the Commission declined to forward, or that were withdrawn by those who proposed them. Here again, more detail is available on the tracker. Finally, the report includes a summary of the next steps in the revision process.

After listening to resident's comments on the draft report, the Commission will decide what refinements to make. They will then forward the report the Board of Selectmen (BoS). The public will have another chance to comment when the BoS holds its own hearing in July.

In the meantime, the Commission will continue its work on Thursday, May 4, 6:30 PM, in the Town Hall Annex. To watch a livestream of the meeting, or to see recordings of past meetings, go to the 'government' tab on the homepage, click on 'Board of Selectmen', and drop down to the 'Meeting Video' tab. To receive a reminder of the upcoming hearing, sign up for 'general government notifications' on [Ridgefield Alerts](#).

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