

Town of Ridgefield
Charter Revision Commission Regular Meeting
Monday, June 11, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall Large Conference Room
400 Main Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

*These minutes are a general summary of the meeting and are not intended to be a verbatim transcription.

Members Present:

E. Burns, W. Davidson, J. Egan, E. Geisinger, C. Hancock, J. Seem, J. Shapiro, L. Steinman, P. Walsh

Agenda

1. Approve the Minutes from Charter Revision Commission Special Meeting on June 7, 2018.
2. Review current Draft of CRC Report.
3. Any other business related to progressing the Draft CRC Report.
4. Adjournment.

The meeting was called to order by CRC Chair Jon Seem at 7:00 p.m. He asked if there were any members of the public who wished to speak. No one came forward.

1. Approval of Minutes of June 7, 2018 Special Meeting.

Mr. Davidson proposed several minor corrections to the unrevised/unapproved minutes of the Special Meeting. Mr. Shapiro proposed a correction to the text of the motion regarding revisions to subsections (a), (b), and (c) of Section 10-1 of the Charter. Mr. Egan proposed a correction to the recording of the vote tally regarding the motion to include Structure of Government text in the Draft Report, a correction that did not affect the outcome of that vote.

Mr. Davidson moved and Ms. Burns seconded a motion to approve the unrevised/unapproved minutes of the June 7, 2018 CRC Special Meeting, with all the proposed corrections. Motion carried 9-0.

2. Review the Current Draft of the CRC Draft Report.

Mr. Seem proposed that the CRC members together go through the current draft of the CRC Draft Report, on a page by page basis, with Mr. Seem projecting onto a screen a copy of the draft from his computer. He undertook to make changes during

the meeting in the Introduction and in Sections 1, 2, and 3 of the draft in real time while projecting the draft on the screen. Mr. Steinman undertook to make the changes to Section 4 of the draft.

The members of the CRC together reviewed the Introduction to the draft of the Draft Report and made comments. Mr. Seem recorded those comments that reflected a consensus view on the copy of the draft on his computer while it was projected on the screen. There was some discussion of the appropriateness of including in the Introduction the text concerning "Structure of Government". Mr. Hancock spoke in favor of removing that text. Mr. Shapiro and Mr. Steinman spoke in favor of retaining that text. Minutes of prior CRC meetings at which this subject was discussed were consulted. It was noted that this had been the subject of a vote taken at the June 7, 2018 Special Meeting of the CRC. The result of that discussion was that the text regarding "Structure of Government" was not deleted from the draft.

Next, the members of the CRC together reviewed Section 1 (Outline of Approved Revision Proposals) of the draft of the Draft Report and made comments. Mr. Seem recorded those comments that reflected a consensus view on an Excel file on his computer while projected on the screen, with the understanding that the revised Excel file would be inserted into the draft as Section 1. The CRC followed the same process with regard to Section 2 (Outline of Declined or Withdrawn Revision Proposals).

The members of the CRC together next reviewed Section 3 (Explanation of Proposed Material Revisions to Ridgefield Town Charter 2018) of the draft of the Draft Report and made comments. Mr. Seem recorded in real time those comments that reflected a consensus view on the copy of the draft on his computer while projected on the screen.

Finally, the members of the CRC together reviewed Section 4 (Proposed Language Revisions by Section) of the draft of the Draft Report and made comments. Mr. Steinman recorded those comments that reflected a consensus view on the copy of the draft text of the proposed Charter revisions on his computer.

Mr. Walsh moved and Ms. Burns seconded a motion to approve, for purposes of public release prior to the scheduled June 18, 2018 Charter Revision Commission Public Hearing, the draft of the Commission's Draft Report as presented to the Regular Meeting, with the changes made at the Regular Meeting to be incorporated therein, all subject to the possibility of further revision by the Charter Revision Commission following that Public Hearing. Motion carried 9-0.

3. Any Other Business Related to Progressing the Draft of the CRC Report.

Mr. Seem led a discussion of accomplishing as soon as possible the practicalities of compiling the Draft Report and putting the Introduction and Sections 1, 2, and 3 from his Word file together with the redlined Word file for Section 4 being maintained by Mr. Steinman as one document so that the Draft Report could be released to the public as soon as possible.

4. Adjournment.

Mr. Shapiro moved and Ms. Geisinger seconded the motion to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. Motion carried 9-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Shapiro, Recording Secretary