

Town of Ridgefield Charter Revision Commission (CRC)

Minutes

March 23, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Town Hall Annex Conference Room #2

These minutes are a general summary of the meeting and are not intended to be a verbatim transcription. A video of the meeting is available on the town's website.

Members Present: Bob Cascella, Laurie Christiansen, Tom Larsen, Mike Lordi, Rebecca Mucchetti, Michael Rettger, Derick Schirm, Kim Welton, and Todd Zagorec

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Mucchetti at 6:30 p.m.

2. Public Comment

No public comments.

3. Initial discussion of submission to CRC

The CRC reviewed with Mr. O'Brien his recommendation that committees that are permanent in nature be enumerated in the Charter. (Tracker: Tab H Item 1) *

The CRC reviewed with Mr. Ciota, the Chairman of the Commission for Accessibility, proposed revision to Section 5-7 of the Charter. (Tracker: Tab C Item 1)

The CRC reviewed with Mr. Goldenberg, the Chairman of the Ridgefield Affordable Housing Committee, and Mr. Hendrick, the Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission, the recommendation that the Ridgefield Affordable Housing Committee report to the Planning and Zoning Commission instead of the Board of Selectman. (Tracker: Tab A Item 1)

The CRC reviewed with Mr. Marconi, Ms. Kozlark, and Mr. Connelly recommended changes to the Charter submitted by the Board of Selectman and items they feel the CRC may want to consider. (Tracker: Tab L Item 1-5). The CRC reviewed other referrals with Mr. Marconi, Ms. Kozlark, and Mr. Connelly. The CRC discussed its timeline and requested Mr. Marconi review the possibility of adjusting the due date of the draft report.

4. Subsequent discussion of submission to CRC

The CRC tabled the subsequent discussion of submissions to its next meeting.

5. Communications

The library is holding the date of May 16, 2023, for the Town Charter presentation at the League of Women Voter's "Get to Know Your Town" series.

6. Review of Action Item

The CRC tabled the review of action items to its next meeting.

7. Old Business

Ms. Mucchetti recognized receiving three documents for distribution:

- a) The revised draft of revisions to Article XI (Tracker: Tab A Item 4)
- b) The revised draft with proposed changes to clean up the wording in the Charter to boards, Town agencies, and related. (Tracker: Tab I Item 3)
- c) A review of the Board of Selectman naming convention in other towns. (Tracker: Tab A Item 7)

8. Correspondence

Ms. Mucchetti reviewed the correspondence the CRC received:

- a) Margaret Thompson - referral re: concerns with the Town Meeting process
- b) Hope Wise - referral re: The Board of Selectman election "drop-down" rule.

9. Planning future CRC agendas/calendar

The March 30, 2023, meeting agenda will include the discussion, deliberation, and voting on referrals to the CRC.

Ms. Christiansen moved, and Mr. Lansen seconded a motion that April 6, 2023, would be the final date the CRC will ensure deliberation on submissions with suggested revisions to the Town Charter. Motion carries 9 to 0 in favor.

10. Minutes – review and approval

Motion to approve as amended the minutes of the March 16, 2023, meeting by Mr. Cascella, seconded by Mr. Rettger as revised. Motion carries 9 to 0 in favor.

11. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn at 9:52 p.m. by Ms. Cascella, seconded by Mr. Schirm. Motion carries 9 to 0 in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Lordi, Recording Secretary

* Tracker: The Change Request Tracker is a document that lists recommended changes received by the CRC.