

MINUTES

CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

JUNE 6, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Nafis called this meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. in Helen Nelson Room of the Newington Town Hall.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present

Alan Nafis - Chair
Donna Clark
Paul Vessella
Mike Lenares
Vincent Camilli

Also Present

Peter Boorman, Town Attorney
Tanya Lane, Town Clerk
Susan Gibbon, Commission Clerk

(*These minutes are a brief overview of the meeting held on June 6, 2012. Please refer to tape for full transcript.)

IV PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Myra Cohen, 42 Jeffrey Lane, Town Councilor, speaking for self. Thank you, Tanya for your hard work, very good. I have two items. Number 707, the last sentence reads "by the Council or Mayor" should it read "by the Council or Manager?" [all agree, to be changed.] § 709 - why was boards or agencies removed from 5th line?

V MINUTES

a. 5/9/12 MEETING

Move to accept by Commissioner Vessella, second by Commissioner Lenares. Unanimous vote.

b. 5/23/12 MMEETING

Move to accept by Commissioner Vessella, second by Commissioner Clark. Unanimous vote.

VI MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED

a. Discussion and approval of § 707 Department of Park and Recreation.

The Commission determined that this language has been agreed upon by all.

b. Discussion - review/comparison of proposed revisions to Original Charter.

Tanya Lane reviewed discrepancies, inconsistencies and typos throughout the current Charter. All agree with changes. [Attached hereto.]

Tanya Lane spoke with General Code (“GC”) who is the vendor that produces the Charter for printing. The Editor’s Notes are historical references added by GC, not done by people who draft the Charter. GC also corrects capitalization and minor punctuation.

c. Discussion, as time allows, follow-up on questions related to other sections of the Charter that have been previously discussed.

§ 709 - Past Charter Revision suggested language. Do not remove “boards or agencies.”

§ 607 - Conservation/Inland Wetlands Commission. Language drafted by Attorney Boorman. All ok with language.

d. Discussion and possible decision to set Public Hearing date.

A public hearing is scheduled for Monday, June 18, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

VII ANOTHER OTHER BUSINESS PERTINENT TO THIS COMMISSION

None

VIII WRITTEN COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

None

IX PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Myra Cohen, 42 Jeffrey Lane, Town Councilor, speaking for self. Regarding § 410, you need to go back to original language in current charter “such majority consisting of at least 10% ...”

Commissioner Nafis asked if any other comments from the public. None.

Chairman Nafis thanked the Commissioners for their hard work. He also thanked Tanya Lane for all her hard work and Channel 14 for airing the hearings.

XI ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Vessella moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m., motion seconded by Commissioner Camilli; it was unanimously voted to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Susan Gibbon
Clerk – Charter Revision Commission