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*John S. Harpie*  
Town Clerk

### 2022 Charter Revision Commission Public Hearing

June 13, 2022

*This meeting was presented as a Zoom Webinar/Hybrid Meeting.*

**To provide an opportunity for interested residents and electors to express their views regarding the Draft Charter Amendment language\*.**

Chairman Harpie called the public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call  
Joe Harpie  
Kevin Borrup  
Nancy Cappello  
Anthony Gonsalves (*via Zoom*)

*Also in attendance:*

Beth DelBuono, Mayor  
James Krupienski, Town Clerk

Chairman Harpie stated that there were 13 items charged by the Council. The Council will review our changes and suggestions; make changes and send back to this committee to review. The Council will hold a public meeting regarding this as well. The Council will determine how the changes will be voted upon by the public on the ballot. Chairman Harpie reviewed the 13 charges in length and detail.

Chairman Harpie reviewed non-charge items (§C-409 Emergency Ordinance; §C-606 Development Commission; §C-501 [Town Manager] Appointment, Qualification and Tenure).

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION regarding the Draft Charter Amendment language. (VIA TELEPHONE: 860-665-8545)**

- Rose Lyons, 46 Elton Drive stated she was disappointed but not surprised at the fact that everyone who has something to say is not at the public hearing. Know about charges from Council. Were the three additional charges suggestions from the public?
- Chairman Harpie stated some members of the public came out regarding staggered terms. We did hear from the Commission on Aging regarding quorum issues as well.
- Mayor DelBuono stated that there was discussion about leaving language in the Charter to make sure the commission, etc. existing but perhaps changing the membership to an ordinance so membership can be changed over time and it's more easily done through ordinance.
- Ms. Lyons stated that on Facebook the question is how can someone rescind their resignation once submitted. If the town manager wants to resign does that occur by a vote of the council? It's not in the town charter.
- Town Clerk Krupienski stated that the contract language itself calls out a 60-day time period in which the town manager must make his notification of resignation and the council has the choice to either act on it or deny it.

- Ms. Lyons stated that during the TPZ meeting the other night, there is some miscommunication regarding whether or not TPZ can vote on something if wetlands have done so yet. Past town TPZ and wetlands were one commission. Surprised that it's not like that in town. Regarding the town manager I can go one way or the other regarding residency. If you do not enumerate everything that's been changed, one thing you need to make clear is to make sure that the town manager will no longer be required to live in the town Newington; think that is going to be the biggest bone of contention. Hate to see all go to waste because of one change. Thank you for all the work you've done.

Chairman Harpie adjourned the public hearing at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gibbon  
Council Clerk

*\*Pursuant to CGS §7-191(a)*