

AGENDA ITEM VI.D2

DATE: 2/22/2022

RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - 37

**RESOLVED:**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Newington, as a municipal corporation, has the power, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 7 -190 to appoint a Commission for the purpose of amending the Town of Newington Charter;

**WHEREAS**, the Newington Town Council has approved the initiation of action for the amendment and revision of the Newington Town Charter pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 7 -188 by way of Resolution Number 2022-18, dated January 25, 2022; and appointed members to that Commission, by action taken prior to this Resolution, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 7-188;

**BE IT RESOLVED:**

That said Commission is hereby charged with reviewing the current Town of Newington Charter for any inconsistencies with current standards in the State of Connecticut and for any inconsistencies that may currently exist with the State of Connecticut Constitution and /or with any Connecticut General Statutes. The Commission is further charged to consider the following additional revisions:

1. Include a mandated review of the charter every ten years. Set up committee make up and time frame for review.
2. Review and update referendum limits to bring them in line with current expenditure amounts C-408, page 9 Define Special Appropriation.
3. Review Article VI and look at the number of members, specifically Parks and Rec (11 Members) page 13-15
4. Review the document for ambiguous terms like shall and may and make them clearer
5. Review and clarify Article IX Personnel. Specify who has control over BOE personnel. C-903 page 24
6. Change time on Council Organizational meeting to 7:00 C-403 page 8
7. Specify how Commission and Board members can be removed if they do not attend meetings or we are unable to contact them or conduct unbecoming a Board or Commission member.
8. Review the language for C-603 Library Trustees. 'Selected by town'? page 14
9. Look at all numbers in the charter related to amounts required for referenda, bidding requirements etc. and determine if appropriate
10. Review staggered terms for council and board of education and other town boards
11. Review residency requirements for Town Planner, Police Chief
12. Review language in **C-410. Right of Referendum on Ordinances**, to ensure that the existing language and timeline is properly outlined.
13. Review language in **C-609. Auditor**, to include by reference the Audit Committee, currently created under Resolution 2021-58. Recommend approval of Code language to outline duties of the Audit Committee.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The Commission is hereby charged to holding at least two public hearings on proposed amendments and revisions to the Town of Newington Charter, one of said public hearings will be held at the beginning of the process, prior to any substantive work of said Commission. A second public hearing is to be held after a draft report has been completed but not submitted to the Newington Town Council.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The Commission is hereby charged to prepare and provide to the Newington Town Council a Draft Report of recommended amendments and revisions to the Town of Newington Charter on or before **July 5, 2022**.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The Commission, should it receive recommendations for changes to its draft report from the Newington Town Council, shall provide to the Newington Town Council a Final Report within thirty days after receiving said recommendations.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The Commission shall terminate upon either acceptance or rejection of the Final Report by the Newington Town Council.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:**

The Commission, in carrying out its duties, shall follow the procedures and requirements as set forth in Connecticut General Statutes Sections 7 -187 through 7 -193.

MOTION BY: Councilor Budrejko

SECONDED BY: Councilor Camillo

VOTE: Motion Carried Unanimously 9-0