

Wallingford Town Council
Special Meeting -- Workshop
May 21, 2009 6:30 p.m.
Room #315
Town Hall
45 South Main Street, Wallingford, CT 06492

Minutes

The meeting began at 6:35 p.m. Councilors Spiteri, Farrell, Racati, Parisi, Letourneau, Brodinsky, and Economopoulos were present. Councilor Testa arrived at about 7:30 p.m. Also in attendance: Attorney Small and Debbie Gross.

Chairman Brodinsky reviewed the procedural background: A decision must be made as to what recommendations, if any, should be referred to the Charter Revision Commission. He made reference to the letter dated May 7 from the Charter Revision Commission which recommended certain questions appear separately on the ballot. That issue was to be discussed at a later time.

Discussion started at the beginning of the draft charter and went page-by-page. Most changes were either briefly described, or were self-evident, or were discussed in detail. The group debated some issues in depth; other issues did not raise much controversy. The not-too-controversial matters to refer to the Commission were:

1. Deleting the word "elected" from line 47 on page 8 of the draft; and on page 10, line 196 of the draft.
2. Re-consideration of all references to the town web page (page 9, line 101) to take into account the what might happen if the web page were discontinued.

The more in-depth discussions were on:

1. Terms of Board of Education members;
2. The Town Clerk;
3. Voting by phone (page 6 and page 11);
4. Mayor's veto power;
5. Removal of officials for poor attendance (page 11, Section 12);
6. The appointment of the Fire Marshal by the fire chief;

7. Provisions concerning the PUC, particularly Sections 1 & 2 & 13;
8. Automatic mandatory review of the charter (page 36, line 57-60).

Due to the lateness of the hour, the changes pertaining to ethics was left for another time and date.

Draft minutes prepared by Mike Brodinsky 5/24/09

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