

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SPECIAL MEETING
August 21, 2009
(Subject to Approval)**

PRESENT: First Selectman H. William Davis, Jr.
Selectman Carol Hubert
Selectman Kenneth Kerin
Selectman Barbara McLaughlin
Selectman Stuart Somers
Selectman John Turk

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk Ginger Salisbury, Charter Revision Commission member Drew Morten, Assistant to the First Selectman Jennifer Naylor, and a member of the press.

CALL TO ORDER

First Sel. Davis called the Special Meeting of August 21, 2009 to order at 4:04 p.m. in Room 208 of the Town Hall.

CHARTER REVISION

First Sel. Davis noted that the Board of Selectmen can not make changes to the Charter but can approve or reject charter revisions.

With respect to **§507 18.** of the Charter, Sel. McLaughlin asked if it was possible to retain the provision for the appointment of Town Historian(s) and reject the description of the duties of the Town Historian(s).

Town Clerk Ginger Salisbury read from Connecticut General Statutes §7-191(d), that the Board of Selectmen could "reject the same [charter amendments] or separate provisions thereof." There was a discussion as to what "separate provisions" meant. Sel. Kerin said he doesn't think the Board can take out pieces or sentences. There was more discussion about the position of town historian.

Upon a motion by Sel. Somers, seconded by Sel. McLaughlin, §507 18. *Town Historian(s)* of the Charter Revision was (with five votes and Sel. Turk abstaining) rejected by the Board of Selectmen.

First Sel. Davis brought up **§507 19.** Human Resources Director and **§507 20.** Technology Director. Sel. McLaughlin moved to delete those positions because the Board of Selectmen can appointment whoever they want to whatever positions they want anyway. Sel. Kerin seconded the motion and said he did not think the Charter was the place to put in "place holder" positions.

Upon a motion by Sel. McLaughlin, seconded by Sel. Kerin, §507 19. Human Resources Director and §507 20. Technology Director of the Charter Revision were (with five votes and Sel. Turk abstaining) rejected by the Board of Selectmen.

Sel. Hubert moved to delete **§507 10.** Town Engineer. First Sel. Davis seconded the motion for the purposes of discussion. There was an extensive discussion about whether or not the Board could reject **§507 10.**, since this section was part of the current Charter and not a revision. Sel. Hubert withdrew her motion.

Mrs. Salisbury noted that she had made a technical correction to **§1007.** to say the effective date of the revisions is December 1, 2009.

Sel. Kerin pointed out that, since the 4-year term for the First Selectman has been taken out of the revisions, there is nothing that merits being singled out as a separate question. So one question is appropriate on the ballot is appropriate.

Upon a motion by First Sel. Davis, seconded by Sel. Hubert, it was unanimously

RESOLVED, that the Town Charter, containing the revisions approved at this meeting on August 21, 2009, be filed with the Town Clerk on September 3, 2009, that the proposed revisions be published as required by law, and that it be submitted to the electors at the November 3, 2009 election in for form of the following question:

"SHALL THE REVISED TOWN CHARTER IN THE FORM FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2009, AND THEREAFTER PUBLISHED AS REQUIRED BY LAW, BE APPROVED?"

All of the selectmen voiced thanks to the Charter Revision Commission for a very good job.

First Sel. Davis declared the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jocelyn Bagger