

**MINUTES: SPECIAL MEETING OF THE KILLINGWORTH
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
(PUBLIC HEARING)**

Thursday, May 26, 2022 7:00 p.m. via GoToMeeting

Members in Attendance: Joan Gay, Arjumund Abid, Eric Nunes, Cathy lino and Kathleen Zandi, Chair

Members Absent: Casey Jacob and Joanne Gorman

Visitors (as identified on screen): Killingworth First Selectwoman, Nancy Gorski, Dawn Mooney, Robin Chasse, Scott Hawkins, Engel Carl Bev, Natalie Oftolidrew, David Long, Kathleen Amoia, Jacqueline Wilcox, Elizabeth Disbow, Nancy McCormick, Annie Stirna, Tim Gannon, and Jamie Sciascia

The meeting was Called to Order at 7:06 p.m. by K. Zandi, Chair

1. Introduction (K. Zandi, CRC Chair):

K. Zandi, welcomed all who were in attendance, and stated how the Charter Revision Commission (CRC) was appointed by the Board of Selectmen to review Town Law. She went over the CRC's Timeline and Process, with this hearing being the first one out of three. K. Zandi stated there will be approximately 20 meetings to discuss and recommend revisions, and not all parts of the Charter will be considered. A summary of CRC's recommendations will be then provided to the Board of Selectmen for consideration by May 2023, and then the CRC's Proposal goes to Referendum in November 2023. K. Zandi encouraged Public Input, advising that all comments must be sent either to the Town Hall in writing or sent in via email: charterrevision@townofkillingworth.com. She further discussed how the CRC's meetings are open to the public, when remote they will be recorded for public viewing. The CRC's 2022 Meeting Schedule is located under the Charter Revision Commission's tab on the Town of Killingworth's Website and Meeting dates can also be found on the Town's Calendar. Lastly, K. Zandi went over Examples of Topics for Consideration: Updates, Standard Impact, and Major Impact.

2. Comments from the Public regarding the Killingworth Town Charter:

David Long spoke about how the CRC is 3-years behind on reviewing Town Law, and asked if there was any penalty from the State. K. Zandi stated that there wasn't any penalty.

Tim Gannon inquired about the Public Comment process. He spoke about being the former Chairman of the Parmalee Farms Committee. He made a recommendation to the CRC that during Board of Selectmen meetings, comments/thoughts might be directed towards the CRC in regards to how people get appointed to serve on Committees. Tim went over the Parmalee Farms Committee appointment process, in the past being appointed by stakeholders which included the

Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club and other groups. Tim further stated that a potential Committee member needs to express interest to serve on the Committee, there needs to be equal representation in terms of Republicans/Democrats/Unaffiliated and then the Committee will make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen.

Kathy Amoia asked the CRC to consider the possibility of increasing Town Selectmen to five. She believes it would be beneficial in terms of having a stronger vote, and also be beneficial when Selectmen aren't available, normal business can resume as scheduled. Tim Gannon agreed with Kathy's comments and stated it would give more diversity of opinion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Submitted By: Jamie Sciascia, Clerk