

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE KILLINGWORTH
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
Thursday, March 2, 2023 5:00 p.m. via GoToMeeting

Members in Attendance: Arjumund Abid, Joan Gay, Casey Jacob, Cathy Iino, and Kathleen Zandi, Chair

Members Excused: Joanne Gorman (Arrived at 6:15 p.m.), Eric Nunes

Visitors (as identified on screen): Eileen Unger, Laura Lefko, Geoff Cook, Bill Tobelman, Tom and Lucinda Hogarty, Elizabeth Disbrow, John Samperi, JD, and Annie Stirna

Called to Order: The meeting was Called to Order at 5:00 p.m. by K. Zandi, Chair.

Summary of Public Comment:

Joanne Gorman read into the record one public comment that was submitted via email (the email is attached at the end of these minutes).

Ed Munster submitted a public comment regarding submission of Legal Notices into the HK Newspaper.

Fire Commission The CRC discussed in length the motion of November 21, 2022 that was rescinded regarding the Fire Commissioners because there were two unintended impacts of rescinding the motion in full. That motion had also revised the Charter to use the full legal name of The Killingworth Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. and to state that the elected Fire Commissioners may not be of the same party. After discussion, a motion was made.

Motion #1 - Casey Jacob ***Moved*** and Cathy Iino ***Seconded*** a motion that Charter § 4-14 (a) will read:

- (a) The Board of Fire Commissioners shall consist of three members: two elected Commissioners, who may not be from the same political party, elected at each municipal election for a term of two years, and one Commissioner who will be the Senior Trustee duly elected by the Killingworth Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. (KVFC).

Voting to Approve: A. Abid, J. Gay, C. Jacob, C. Iino, and K. Zandi

Motion unanimously passed (5-0-0)

Presentation of the Public Hearing:

Chair Zandi reviewed the Public Hearing slides with the CRC ahead of tonight's Public Hearing.

Verbiage review:

Motion #5 from 2-20-23 removed the word "Resolution" from the Charter. Casey Jacob advised that there were several places within the Charter where "Resolution" indicates a decision other than an Ordinance and she recommended that Motion #5 from 2-20-23 be rescinded. A further discussion took place in length before a motion was made.

Motion #2 - Casey Jacob ***Moved*** and Joan Gay ***Seconded*** a motion to rescind Motion #5 from Feb. 20, 2023 and to insert a definition of "Resolution" in Charter §1-2: Definitions reading: "Resolution" means actions other than enactment of Ordinances by a municipal body.

Voting to Approve: A. Abid, J. Gay, C. Jacob, C. Iino, and K. Zandi

Motion unanimously passed (5-0-0)

The CRC reviewed Section 7-4 in length. Discussion took place about the placement of §8-13(a) and §8-13(b) because they don't seem to fit in the Charter. Suggestions were made to take both sections out of the Charter and ask the BOS to review them, noting there was no action taken. After further discussion, the CRC agreed to "house" both sections at the end of Chapter §7-4(b): Employees, highlighted, as to be undertaken by the BOS. A motion was made thereafter.

Motion #3 - Kathy Zandi ***Moved*** and Arjumund Abid ***Seconded*** a motion to move and highlight Charter §8-13(a) and §8-13(b) to the end of Chapter §7-4(b) and inform the Board of Selectman that the Charter Revision Commission has not taken action on these two paragraphs.

Voting to Approve: A. Abid, J. Gay, C. Jacob, C. Iino, and K. Zandi

Motion unanimously passed (5-0-0)

The CRC reviewed Sections 7.4 through 8.2 and made verbiage edits accordingly. They also reviewed Charter §8-2(d):Appointed Administrative Positions. Discussion took place regarding the possibility of deleting "Term" from the Table. A motion was made shortly thereafter.

Motion #4 - Cathy Iino ***Moved*** and Kathy Zandi ***Seconded*** a motion to remove the column "Term" from the Table in Charter 8-2(d).

The CRC agreed to put a special meeting on the CRC calendar for Sunday, March 5th at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment:

Chair Zandi adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

Submitted By: Jamie Sciascia, Clerk

Public Email Comment:

Can you tell me whether the proposed Killingworth Town Charter will allow for the publication of Legal Notices in a weekly paper such as the Haddam Killingworth News? Also what are the next steps in the approval process for the charter?

Thank you,

Edward Munster

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