

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE KILLINGWORTH
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. via GoToMeeting

Members in Attendance: Joanne Gorman, Cathy Iino, Casey Jacob, Kathy Zandi

Members Excused: Eric Nunes, Joan Gay, & Arjumund Abid

Visitors (as identified on screen): Killingworth First Selectman Nancy Gorski

The meeting was Called to Order at 7:00 p.m. by K. Zandi, Chair

Review of BOS Feedback:

Chair Zandi spoke about providing the BOS a summary of the CRC's recommendations of the draft Charter back in March. Since that time, the BOS has been in their review process in order to provide the CRC with their feedback and recommendations. The CRC scheduled three special meetings: May 10th, May 18th and June 5th in order to review and discuss the BOS' input they received in order to get their final report back to the BOS by June 8th. Chair Zandi proposed that the CRC review the BOS' feedback and vote to incorporate their changes or not to incorporate their changes. Discussion of the BOS' recommended changes took place in length.

During this discussion, the CRC made four motions under Section 5-15a, Section 7-3, Section 7-4(b) and Section 7-5(b) which are all set forth below

Motion #1 - Casey Jacob ***Moved*** and Joanne Gorman ***Seconded*** a motion that the CRC accept the BoS amendments to the table in Section 5-15a.

Voting to Approve: C. Jacob, C. Iino, J. Gorman, K. Zandi

Motion unanimously passed (4-0-0).

Motion #2 - Casey Jacob ***Moved*** and Cathy Iino ***Seconded*** a motion that the CRC reject the BoS amendment to the introductory sentence of Section 7-3, adding "and approval."

Voting to Approve: C. Jacob, C. Iino, J. Gorman, K. Zandi

Motion unanimously passed (4-0-0).

Motion #3 - Kathy Zandi ***Moved*** and Casey Jacob ***Seconded*** a motion that the CRC accept the BoS amendments to Section 7-4(b).

Voting to Approve: C. Jacob, C. Iino, J. Gorman, K. Zandi

Motion unanimously passed (4-0-0).

Motion #4 - Casey Jacob *Moved* and Cathy Iino *Seconded* a motion that Section 7-5(b) be amended, for consistency with Section 9-3(b) to read, “The preliminary Town Budget shall be submitted to the Board of Finance no later than the third Monday in March.”

Voting to Approve: C. Jacob, C. Iino, J. Gorman, K. Zandi

Motion unanimously passed (4-0-0).

The CRC also referred some topics back to the BOS, including:

1. The CRC had recommended removing the Judge of Probate from Charter section 4-1(c) because Killingworth no longer elects its own Judge of Probate. BOS suggested leaving it in place since we do still have a Judge of Probate, just not one especially for Killingworth. CRC referred this back to BOS since Section IV is a section on Killingworth elections, and Killingworth does not govern the election of the Judge of Probate.
2. BOS recommended leaving the Water Pollution Control Authority in place in the Charter since it is needed, but adding language about its scope of authority. CRC referred back to BOS to consider (a) that “Water Pollution Control Authority” is an entity empowered by Chapter 103 of the Statutes but BOS is suggesting changes to the authority - perhaps a differently named group would be appropriate? (b) The BOS language refers to the Health Director which is an office that has been subsumed by the contract with CRAHD.
3. CRC had referred the Parmelee Farm Committee to BOS since CRC could not find evidence that the Parmelee Farm Committee had been established as a permanent committee and only permanent committees have been included in the Charter. BOS sent it back to CRC noting that they have included the Parmelee Farm Committee in their business in the past. CRC has sent it back to BOS, asking that it either create the Committee as a permanent Committee or help CRC find the evidence that has already occurred. CRC Chair Kathy Zandi will also check with Tim Gannon to see if he can help with this search for documentation.

The next CRC special meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. via remote.

Adjournment:

Chair Zandi adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Submitted By: Jamie Sciascia, Clerk