

TOWN OF GROTON  
 CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION *Draft*  
 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
 November 15, 2017  
 TOWN HALL ANNEX – COMMUNITY ROOM 1

Chair Pro Tem Aument called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

- I. ROLL CALL:  
 Members Present: Chair Hauber, Chair Pro Tem Aument, Commissioners Kathy Chase, Robert Frink, Patrice Granatosky, Rosanne Kotowski, Jennifer White  
 Absent: Commissioners Jane Dauphinais, Brandon Marley, Daniel Mello, and Darcy Peruzzotti  
 Also present were Town Attorney Eileen Duggan, Attorney Mike Carey, and Town Clerk Betsy Moukawsher.
- II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
 a. Commissioner Chase made a motion, seconded by Chair Hauber, to approve the minutes of the November 06, 2017 Special Meeting: **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
- III. COMMUNICATIONS:  
 a. Chair: None.  
 b. Secretary: None  
 c. Members:  
 Commissioner Granatosky noted that there is a lot of interest in how the process will proceed with the Town Council.
- IV. NEW BUSINESS:  
 a. Town Attorney Final Draft Report

The Commission reviewed the *Final Report of the 2016 Groton Charter Revision Commission* (attached).

The Commission reviewed *CRC Responses to Town Council Recommendations on the CRC Draft Report* (attached).

The Commission reviewed the *Proposed Budget Process Outline* (attached).

The Commission reviewed Section 3.3.1.2:

3.3.1.2 The Board of Finance shall become effective pursuant to section 11.5 after approval at referendum of Section 3.3.1, and Chapter IV. Within fourteen days of the effective date, the Town Council shall appoint seven (7) electors, with one (1) elector to be appointed from each of the seven (7) voting districts, to constitute an interim BOF. The interim BOF shall have all powers and duties of the BOF to be elected per above, and shall serve until the BOF members elected at the November 5, 2019 election take their seats on the BOF.

Commissioner Frink noted that as it stands now, every other year the election will be for the Board of Education only without staggered terms for another elected body.

The Commissioner discussed making the Board of Education's terms non-staggered. No changes were made.

Section 9.8.4 The Town Manager shall specify how ~~the~~ his proposed budget corresponds to the Council's established goals.

The Commission and Attorneys discussed Section 9.12.6. No changes were made.

The Commission and Attorneys discussed Sections 9.13. The following sentence was added to the Section: "In the event that a mill rate has been set pursuant to 9.12.6.6, no mill rate may be set pursuant to this Section unless allowed by CGS."

Section: 9.18.1: "No purchase shall be made by any department, ABC, or officer of the Town other than the BOE or the Probate Court..."

Commissioner Chase made a motion, seconded by Chair Hauber, to approve the final draft report.

**Vote: PASSES**

**In favor: 6 (Hauber, Aument, Chase, Frink, Kotowski, White)**

**Opposed 1: (Granatosky)**

**Abstained: 0**

#### V. ADJOURMENT

Commissioner Chase made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner White. Chair Pro Tem Aument adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.