

CITY OF STAMFORD 18TH CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

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Donald B. Sherer, Co-Chair
Rosanne McManus, Clerk

MINUTES OF MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, April 18, 2013
7:00 p.m. – Legislative Chambers
4th Floor, Government Center
888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT 06904-2152

The Charter Commission met on Thursday, April 18, 2013. Present were Co-Chairs Nabel and Sherer and Commission Members Cooper, Robins, McManus, Williams and Sessa.

Co-Chair Sherer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and opened the meeting for public comment. There being no one from the public present to speak, the public hearing was closed and the meeting was adjourned to the Republican Caucus Room.

The Committee briefly discussed Sec. C2-10-13 and decided that the original language was adequate. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the proposed changes to Sec. C2-10-13 were deleted from the Final Report.

~~“Sec. C2-10-13. – Action by Mayor; Passage Over Mayor's Veto.”~~

~~Every ordinance adopted by the Board of Representatives shall, promptly after its passage, be separately printed or typewritten, signed by the President, and attested by the Clerk who shall, within five (5) [two (2)] business days, present it to the Mayor....”~~

Ethics Ordinance

Commissioner Robins stated that the word “less” should be changed to the word “fewer” in order to be grammatically correct. Upon motion duly made and seconded, a motion to effect this change was approved unanimously.

“The Board of Ethics shall consist of not fewer less than five (5) full members and two (2) alternates to serve overlapping terms of three years to be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Board of Representatives ...”

Co-Chair Sherer stated that both the Chair of the Ethics Board and the Chair of the Legislative & Rules Committee of the Board of Representatives testified that they need a larger number of members due to the structure of the ordinance.

Commissioner Cooper suggested that a notation be added to the final report to read as follows:

“Note: With regard to the Board of Ethics, the Commission is aware of the discrepancy wherein the ordinance calls for five-year terms while the Charter calls for three-year terms.”

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the inclusion of the notation in the Final Report was made, seconded and approved unanimously.

WPCA

Commissioner Robins stated that the word “less” should be changed to the word “fewer” in order to be grammatically correct. Upon motion duly made and seconded, a motion to effect this change was approved unanimously.

“The Water Pollution Control Authority shall consist of **not fewer less than** five members to serve overlapping terms of three years, to be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Board of Representatives in accordance with this Charter.”

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission voted 6-1-0 (Commissioner Sessa opposed) to approve the above change.

Co-Chair Sherer stated that now the report will be delivered to the Charter Committee of the Board of Representatives, which will hold its public hearing. That Committee will then make a recommendation to the full Board of Representatives to either accept, reject or modify the Commission’s Report.

Submitted by,

Susan Nabel, Co-Chair

Donald B. Sherer, Co-Chair

Link to [Final Report & Cover Letter](#)

This meeting is on [video](#).