



2021-22 Charter Revision Committee – Board of Representatives

Bradley Bewkes, Co-Chair

Jeff Curtis, Co-Chair

Committee Minutes

Date: Tuesday, December 6, 2022

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: *This meeting was held remotely*

The 2021-22 Charter Revision Committee of the Board of Representatives met as indicated above. In attendance were Co-Chairs Bewkes and Curtis and Committee Member Reps. Matheny, Shaw, Sherwood, and Stella. Excused was Reps. Boeger, Ley and Di Costanzo. Also present were Reps. Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, and Morson; and Attorney Steve Mednick.

Co- Bewkes called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. C31.006	REVIEW; Update on Charter Revision Process with Steve Mednick, Attorney for Charter Commission; Charter Commission Co-Chairs, and Board Leadership 11/09/22 - Submitted by Charter Commission Co-Chairs	Report Made

Attorney Mednick is the attorney for the new Charter Revision Commission. He discussed the following with the Committee:

- Been on with the Commission for about 4-5 weeks
- Worked on Charter revision as a legislator and an attorney
- He has worked on over 30 charter revisions as counsel
- Will be going through all commission reports to get a fill on how they are trying to prioritize the issues
- Maintain as liaison between the Board and the Commission
- By February there should be reporting on direction of the commission
- Term limits are not legal in the State of Connecticut for elected officials; no express grant of authority for term limits
- He along with his colleague Attorney Rich Roberts will look at issues that cannot be addressed or changed
- Met with Charter Commissions Committees to get a feel on their take on the charge
- Encouraged the commission to meet more often to meet deadlines
- Recommendations to the Board of Representatives by June of 2023
- Board of Representatives would like a clarified timeline and advice as to which election cycle would be most appropriate
- Encouraged Attorney Mednick to look in the Zoning Board of Appeals process and what can be done with this in terms of clarity of the verbiage
- Rich Roberts met with The Land Use Committee of the Charter Commission and will be meeting again to grapple with the issues that undergird the Land Use provisions of the charter which is the Special Act Zoning
- How far can they go to try contextualize the section of the charter dealing with Land Use

- without undermining or breaking the Special Act
- Attorney Mednick is preparing a new document of all the charges and will include detailed descriptions in the order of the charter:
 - Tracking chart will include committee assignments; committee action; legal issues; comments; and public comments.
 - Suggestions can be considered throughout the process
 - Consideration of more Charter Revision Commissions

Co-Chair Bewkes adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Bradley Bewkes, Co-Chair

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