

Background

- This Brookfield Charter Revision Commission (“CRC”) was established by a unanimous vote of the Board of Selectmen on July 20, 2016.
- The CRC held its first meeting August 17 to establish a calendar and set the date of this Public Hearing. This was an organizational meeting.
- The CRC has 7 members:
Joni Park (Chair) • Jerry Friedrich (Vice Chair)
Loretta Donovan • Dotti Dori • Mark Ferry
Todd Hand • Ron Jaffe

BOS Charge

- The CRC was asked to consider 11 areas:
 - 1 Consider correcting errors in the Charter that conflict with each other.
 - 2 Consider a Charter change to allow for a capital referendum to be done in conjunction with the annual budget referendum without a 45 day wait. This would only apply for the annual budget referendum.
 - 3 Clarification what items can be petitioned to a town meeting.

BOS Charge

- 4 Consider eliminating offices that no longer exist.
- 5 Clarify the standards, authority and jurisdiction of the Board of Ethics to the authority the Board has as defined by State Statutes.
- 6 Review budget transfers allowed to be made by the BOS and BOF. Consider raising or eliminating the dollar amount the BOS and the BOF could reallocate in a budget at any time before going to a town meeting for approval. Clarify the reallocation process — one part of the charter gives them the right to reallocate unexpended funds but other parts require a town meeting.

BOS Charge

- 7 Consider permanently appointing the Town Attorney as Parliamentarian of all Town Meetings.
- 8 Review updating Special Appropriation levels and time requirements for construction projects.
- 9 Consider increasing the number of members on Library Board of Trustees.

BOS Charge

- 10 Consider making grammatical changes as needed for clarification.
- 11 Any other matters that the Board of Selectmen may submit to the Charter Revision Commission.

Process / What Happens Next

- The CRC will meet twice a month (1st Thursday/ 3rd Monday) to consider the BOS charge and any additional items presented at Public Hearing.
- The CRC can add items it deems appropriate to consider, but can also decide not to proceed with individual items from the BOS charge.
- Once it has a preliminary report (recommended changes) the CRC will hold a second Public Hearing to get feedback.

Process / What Happens Next

- Then the CRC will finalize it's report and present it to the BOS. The BOS can accept the report in whole, in part, or reject it. (The BOS cannot add items not recommended by the CRC.)
- The BOS will hold a Public Hearing before taking a final position on what (if anything) will be taken to the voters.

Your Input is Needed

- The purpose of this Public Hearing is to get feedback so the CRC can include all perspectives in its deliberations.
- The CRC will also include times for public comment at all of its meetings.
- You can provide input by sending an email to:
CharterRevision@Brookfieldct.gov

Thank you for participating

- The CRC thanks the Board of Selectmen for the opportunity to work collaboratively for the town.
- The CRC thanks all who have provided input and ideas to consider.
- The CRC encourages continued communication. You can communicate to all CRC members using this email address:

CharterRevision@Brookfieldct.gov