Town of Greenwich
Selectmen’s Board of Education Section 66/67 Charter Revision Committee
Meeting 14 November 2017
7:00 p.m.
Central Middle School

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

   Attendance: Committee members: Barry Rickert (Chair), Alexis Voulgaris, William Finger, Peter von Braun, Brian Peldunas (Secretary) – Present.

2. Presentation of Committee Charge and Format for Public Forum.

   Mr. Rickert presented the Committee’s charge to the audience, and asked that comments be addressed specifically to sections 66 and 67 of the Charter, as opposed to section 38 (the charge to the previous Committee). Mr. Rickert presented the charge as whether the Town Charter should be changed to allow a public referendum on any proposal to change the method of election or structure of the Board of Education, or whether the final decision on such a proposal should remain with the RTM. Mr. Peldunas made a motion to limit comments to three minutes for each presenter. Ms. Voulgaris seconded, voted was 5-0.

3. Public Forum

   Forty people presented input on the topic. By count of the secretary, opinions were:
   - Section 66 - Remain with the RTM: tbf
   - Section 66 - Public referendum: tbf
   - Provide education on current situation and/or proposals: 5
   - Comprehensive review of Town Charter: 1
   - Change section 67 to allow BOE to initiate change: 4

   Does not total to 40 as some individuals expressed multiple recorded opinions.

   Note: some presenters expressed opinions on section 38 as well as sections 66 and 67. Other points raised were concerns about the cost of a referendum, or the cost of a legal challenge to any change

4. Adjourn

   By motion of Mr. von Braun, seconded by Mr. Finger, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 PM.
Barry Rickert, Chair

Prepared by Brian Peldunas, Secretary