



TOWN OF GREENWICH

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First Selectman

Selectmen's Board of Education Charter Revision Committee Meeting
27 June 2017
8:00 a.m.
Town Hall – Mazza Room

DRAFT MINUTES

1. The meeting opened at 8:03 a.m.

- a. **Attendance:** Committee members Bill Finger, Peter von Braun, Barry Rickert, Brian Peldunas, Alexis Voulgaris. First Selectman Peter J. Tesei presided until Committee officers were elected. Also attending were Ken Borsuk, bob Brady, Patty Jomo, Debbie Appelbaum, and Executive Assistant to the First Selectman Barbara Heins as acting Recording Secretary.

2. Election of officers.

- a. Mr. Peldunas made a motion to nominate Mr. Rickert as Chairman. Following a second by Ms. Voulgaris, the motion unanimously passed.
- b. Mr. Finger made a motion to nominate Mr. Peldunas as Secretary. Following a second by Ms. Voulgaris, the motion unanimously passed.

3. Discussion of charge.

- a. Mr. Tesei explained the distinction between the first Selectmen's Board of Education Charter Revision Committee and this Committee. The first was delegated to review possible changes to Section 38 of the Town Charter while the new Committee is charged with reviewing a proposal to add the Board of Education to Sections 66 and 67 of the Town Charter that would require a referendum in order to make any change to the election of Board of Education members.
Mr. Tesei also explained that any proposed change would have to be approved by the Board of Selectmen, then the Representative Town Meeting (RTM). In terms of timing, the RTM will hold meetings in September, October and December and the terms of the current Board of Selectmen will expire Nov. 30, Mr. Tesei said. The earliest referendum on Section 66 and 67 would be in November 2018. If approved, then the proposed Charter change to Section 38 would then go to the voters in 2019 and if approved, the change to the election of Board of Education members would become effective in 2020.
Mr. Finger suggested the Committee avail itself to the assistance from the Law Department, as the original Committee did.
Among the questions for possible discussion with the Law Department included the origins of Home Rule and why the Board of Education was excluded from the

original Charter provisions; whether the Board of Education is considered a creation of the State and excluded from the Charter provisions; clarity on timing; and Legislative history.

A discussion about what to name the Committee to eliminate confusion from the work of the original Selectmen's Board of Education Charter Revision Committee followed. Ms. Voulgaris suggested the Board of Selectmen Board of Education Charter Revision Committee on Sections 66/67. Mr. Peldunas made a motion to use the name as suggested by Ms. Voulgaris. Following a second by Mr. Finger, the motion passed 4-1-0, with Mr. von Braun voting against.

4. Discussion of schedule of meetings.

- a. Mr. Rickert said the Committee should work with the Law Department by sending their questions to the Department and tentatively set the next meeting for 7 p.m., July 20 in a room to be announced. He also said a public hearing on the Committee's findings/recommendations would be scheduled.

5. Adjourn.

Mr. von Braun made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Mr. Finger. Following a unanimous vote, the meeting adjourned at 8:36 a.m.

Submitted by
Barbara Heins, Committee Acting Secretary