

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Charter Revision Commission March 30, 2021

1. Call to order.

Chair Jon FitzGerald called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM and read the call of the meeting.

2. Introduction of Commissioners

The commissioners introduced themselves. Present were: Jon FitzGerald, Laurie Scotti, Roman Czuchta, John Krampitz, Richard Carter, John Lafreniere.

Absent: Kim Ploszaj.

3. Discussion and approve the minutes of the March 16, 2021 Charter Revision Commission public hearing and take any action as necessary.

On motion made by Commissioner Krampitz and seconded by Commissioner Scotti it was unanimously voted: to approve the minutes.

4. Discussion and approve the minutes of the March 16, 2021 Charter Revision Commission regular meeting and take any action as necessary.

On motion made by Commissioner Lafreniere and seconded by Commissioner Carter it was unanimously voted: to approve the minutes.

5. Public participation regarding revisions to the charter.

Attorney Steve Mednick was invited to the meeting and he discussed his letter to Attorney Clift dated March 15, 2021 wherein he rendered an opinion regarding Limits on Successive Terms for Mayor, City Council and Board of Education Commissioners. He explained the illegality of the term limits in the Bristol City Charter and the fact that the only way term limits can be included in any Charter is through a Special Act by the State Legislature.

6. Discussion of recommending deleting charter sections 12A and 39A to eliminate term limits.

On motion made by Commissioner Krampitz and seconded by Commissioner Scotti it was unanimously voted: to recommend the repeal of sections 12A and 39A to eliminate term limits.

7. Discussion of recommending revisions to charter section 2, 9, 12, 12A, 40 and 45 to change the term of mayor from a two-year term to a four-year term and take any action as necessary.

On motion made by Commissioner Scotti and seconded by Commissioner Carter it was unanimously voted: to delete from the draft report the recommendation for a change from a two-year to a four-year term for mayor.

8. Old Business

9. New Business.

10. Discussion meeting dates and agendas and take any action as necessary.

Chair Jon Fitzgerald stated that the meeting for April 6th has been cancelled. He explained the procedure now is that he will send the recommendations to the Town Clerk. She will transmit them to the Mayor and City Council and they will have 45 days to conduct and finish a Public Hearing. If they have any changes to the report, the City Council will have a joint board meeting with the Charter Revision Commission. Thirty days after that meeting the Charter Revision Commission will meet again to accept or reject their suggestions.

11. To adjourn.

At 8:13 PM, on motion by Commissioner Czuchta and seconded by Commissioner Scottie, it was unanimously voted: to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted:
Noelle Bates
Recording Secretary