

MINUTES
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH, 2025 AT 6:00PM
SELECTMEN'S CONFERENCE ROOM



1. Call to Order

First Selectman Tim Keeney called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

2. Members Present

In attendance were Michael Marinaccio, John Parks, Theresa Schmidt, Scott Kaupin, Edward DePeau, Katherine Lerz and Thomas Clark. Also in attendance were First Selectman Tim Keeney, Town Attorney Carl Landolina and Town Hall liaison Karen Neal.

3. Review of Charge from Board of Selectmen

Selectman Keeney read the Resolution from the Board of Selectmen regarding recommendations to the Charter Revision Committee—see attached.

4. Review of Charter Revision Regulations and timelines.

Attorney Landolina explained the Statutory Process for Charter Revisions and discussed dates and timelines.

5. Selection of Officers

Thomas Clark made a motion to elect Scott Kaupin as Chairman, seconded by Theresa Schmidt. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.

Thomas Clark made a motion to elect John Parks as Vice-Chair, seconded by Katherine Lerz. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.

John Parks made a motion to elect Theresa Schmidt as Secretary, seconded by Michael Marinaccio. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.

6. Schedule for future meetings and first Public Hearing

Future meeting dates and Public Hearings were discussed and will be posted on the Town of Somers website.

Theresa Schmidt made a motion to approve the schedule of meetings and the first Public Hearing, seconded by Thomas Clark. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.

7. Adjournment

Scott Kaupin made a motion to adjourn at 6:57pm, seconded by Michael Marinaccio. There was no further discussion and a unanimous decision followed.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L Neal

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Resolution

Board of Selectmen Town of Somers

Whereas, pursuant to Section 7-190(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Somers at a duly noticed Regular Board of Selectmen Meeting on January 16, 2025 appointed 7 members to the Charter Revision Commission all of Whom shall be residents and electors of the Town of Somers; and

Whereas, the names of those members hereby appointed to the Charter Revision Commission are attached.

Whereas, pursuant to Section 7-190(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Somers, desires to make recommendation to the Charter Revision Commission; and

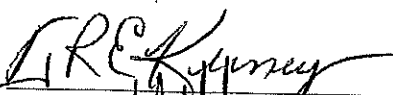
Whereas, pursuant to Section 7-190(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Somers must establish when said Commission shall submit its draft report the Clerk of the Town of Somers for transmittal to the Board of Selectmen.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Somers that the following recommendations be directed to the Charter Revision Commission forthwith:

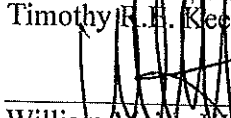
- Shall the Town Clerk become an appointed rather than elected position?
- Shall the Board of Selectmen appoint a Town Administrator who reports to them and oversees the day-to-day operations of the Town?
- Shall the Zoning and Planning Boards be combined a single appointed body?

The review by the Charter Revision Commission is not restricted to the areas identified above.

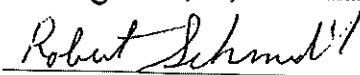
Be it Further Resolved by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Somers that the Charter Revision Commission submits to the Clerk of the Town of Somers it's draft report no later than: June 18, 2025



Timothy R. E. Keeney, First Selectman



William Meier, III, Selectman



Robert Schmidt, Selectman

January 30, 2025
Date

Town of Somers
Charter Revision Commission Members

Michael Marinaccio	68 Rye Circle, Somers, CT
John Parks	37 Eleanor, Somers, CT
Theresa Schmidt	62 Pond Circle, Somers, CT
Scott Kaupin	186 Field Road, Somers, CT
Edward DePeau	18 Hallie Lane, Somers, CT
Kathy Lerz	35 Applewood Drive, Somers, CT
Thomas Clark	29 Skyridge Drive, Somers, CT