

TOWN OF SOMERS
Charter Revision Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2025
6:00 PM
Selectmen's Conference Room

1. Call to Order

Chair Scott Kaupin called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Members Present

Thomas Clark, Edward DePeau, Scott Kaupin, Kathryn Lerz, Michael Marinaccio, and John Parks; and Town Hall liaison Karen Neal. Theresa Schmidt was absent.

3. Approval of Minutes

May 21, 2025, Regular Meeting

Thomas Clark moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Michael Marinaccio. Edward DePeau abstained with unanimous decision by the other members present.

4. Public Comment

None

5. Discussion & Resolution – Additional Recommendations

- a. Discussion: Chapter 6-7 Special Appropriations – Shall a special appropriation dollar amount requiring approval by a vote of a Town Meeting be revised?

Michael Marinaccio updated the commission on the comments from the Board of Finance at their last meeting. The Board of Finance is in favor of this change.

- b. Resolution: Be it resolved that the Somers Charter Revision Commission approves of the special appropriation dollar amount requiring approval by a vote of a Town Meeting be revised to not more than two-tenths of one percent (0.2%) of the most recently adopted General Fund budget.

Edward DePeau moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Michael Marinaccio, and followed by a unanimous decision.

6. Working Session – review and prepare draft of recommended charter language changes and explanatory text that addresses recommended changes approved by the commission.

Revised ballot questions, explanatory text, and specific charter changes needed were distributed to the commission. Scott Kaupin is to forward these documents to Town Attorney Carl Landolina for his review and comments.

7. Working Session – review and prepare draft of presentation for Public Hearing and to the Board of Selectmen

The PowerPoint presentation drafted by Michael Marinaccio was reviewed slide by slide by the commission. During the working session discussion, edits were made to various slides. Commission members will forward additional edits to Michael Marinaccio for the final draft presentation, which will be shared with the commission prior to the public hearing.

8. Discussion – Efforts to publicize the Public Hearing

The Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Somers Town Hall Auditorium. Karen Neal reported to the commission that the efforts will include posting on the town's website, the announcement board placed in front of Town Hall, the Somers Fire Department message board, and email and text alerts to residents.

9. Commission Member Comments

No further comments.

10. Adjournment

Thomas Clark moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 pm, seconded by Michael Marinaccio, and followed by a unanimous decision.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Kaupin

Chair, Charter Revision Commission