

**Town of Ridgefield
Charter Revision Commission
Special Meeting Agenda
April 21, 2018 8:30 am
Large Conference Room, Town Hall**

AGENDA

Policy: Charter Revision Commission's meetings will be conducted under Roberts Rules of Order with comment invited only on agenda items that are action items not subject to formal public hearing. Individuals will be recognized for three minutes after Charter Revision Commission discussion but before Charter Revision Commission vote.

1. Approve the Minutes from Charter Revision Commission Regular Meeting on April 9, 2018.
2. Discussion and possible vote on proposed Charter changes
 - a. Proposals will be discussed in order of listing in Exhibit A: List of proposed changes for discussion and possible vote.
 - b. Before any vote, Public comment will be invited. Individuals will be recognized for 3 minutes.
3. Any other business.
4. Adjournment.

Note: Anyone requiring special accommodations due to disability is asked to contact the First Selectman's office at (203) 431-2774.

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www.ridgefieldct.org/charter-revision-commission

Email the CRC at crc@ridgefieldct.org

Exhibit A: List of proposed changes for discussion and possible vote

DATE	PROPOSAL	PERSON(S)
6-Jan	Separate the Inland Wetlands Board from the Planning and Zoning Commission (or requesting consideration of such a separation).	Helen Dimos
		Susan Baker & James Coyle (for Ridgefield Conservation Commission)
8-Jan		Michael Autuori
8-Jan		Sophia Haber, Tizzi Mantione, Walter Knittel, Burgess Walker, Bryan Perri
30-Jan		Robert Savoca
30-Jan		Joseph Kovacs
1-Feb		Barbara Hartman
2-Feb		Randy Liebowitz, Kitty Fischer, Carolanne Kane
5-Feb		Gina Carey
6-Feb		William Jaeger
7-Feb		Catherine Neligan
8-Feb		Keitha Kinne
10-Feb		Patricia Sesto
14-Feb		Carolyn Foster, Terry McManus
16-Feb		Association, Inc.
20-Feb		Alice Leaderman
9-Mar		Tiffany Carlson
10-Mar		George Noyes
11-Mar	Provide that a person cannot run for more than one office or board/commission seat in a municipal election.	Barbara Serfilippi
4-Dec		Michael Raduazzo
8-Jan		Joe Savino
4-Feb		Board of Selectmen
5-Feb	A person must resign the municipal office/seat he/she currently holds to run for a another office or seat if the office or seat currently held has a term that extends beyond the beginning of the term of the office or seat he/she is running for.	
8-Jan		Michael Raduazzo
	Change the percentages of electors required on a petition to call a town meeting under paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) to higher figures than their present 2%, 5%, and 2%, respectively.	Rudy Marconi
29-Jan	Change the length of the terms of the Board of Selectman and of the First Selectman from four years to two years.	
4-Feb		Joe Savino
	Change the percentages or number of electors required on a petition to call a town meeting to 80 electors if costing no money but relating to town ordinances (from its current 2% of electors); to 1% of electors (from its current 2%) if it will cost less than \$250,000; and to 2.5% of electors (from its current 5%) if it will cost less than \$1,000,000.	Joe Savino
4-Feb	Integrate the Internet into the town's petition process	Joe Savino
4-Feb	Clarify the rules on how the town budget items are advertised and posted, and clarify the rules on how the public can change proposed capital and operating budgets.	Joe Savino
4-Feb	Let submitted petitions of 100 signatures or more be guaranteed votes at annual town meeting	Joe Savino

List of proposed changes for discussion and possible vote - continued

DATE	PROPOSAL	PERSON(S)
5-Feb	In Section 3-5 regarding petitioned town meetings, increase percentage of electors in subsection (a) from 2% to 5%, (b) in subsection (b) from 5% to 10%, and in subsection (c) from 2% to 5%.	Board of Selectmen
5-Feb	Discuss term limits	Board of Selectmen
5-Feb	If a ballot position remains vacant, the vacancy protocol should follow Section 4-7 for vacancies, subject to minority representation adherence.	Board of Selectmen
5-Feb	Make the offices of Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, and Tax Collector appointive rather than elective.	Board of Selectmen
5-Feb	Create consistency in length of terms for all appointive positions in Article IX (5 years or whatever is deemed appropriate).	Board of Selectmen
11-Feb	Eliminate the Town Treasurer position.	Joe Savino, Bob Cascella
17-Feb	Provide that the First Selectman is a voting member of the Board of Finance.	Chuck Hancock
29-Jan	Consider appointment versus election for all elected town officials and boards/commissions.	Lester Steinman
29-Jan	Consider miscellaneous charter issues pertaining to (a) the definitions of 'elector' and 'resident'; (b) non-resident property owners right to vote at Town meetings; (c) consolidation of the powers of the Building Code Board of Appeals under the Board of Appeals for Zoning; (d) decision-making on the appropriate use of excess sewer capacity; and (e) the definition of "town agency" in Section 1-1 of the Charter as it relates to the term "other agencies of the Town" as used in Section 8-2 of the Charter	Lester Steinman
6-Jan	Form an affordable housing commission as a Charter-specified commission.	Helen Dimos
8-Jan		Dave Goldenberg
8-Jan	The Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA) member positions and ZBA Alternate positions should be exempt from requirement that the term of the appointed replacement only lasts until the next regular election, but should instead last for the remainder of the full term.	Kelly Ryan on behalf of ZBA
20-Feb	Revise town's Code and Charter to change the name of the Economic Development Commission to the Economic and Community Development Commission; and amend Charter to make the Parking Authority (PA) report to such Commission (PA still to be appointed by Selectmen)	Economic Development Commission (Arnold Light & John Devine)