

**TOWN OF MANCHESTER, CONNECTICUT
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 6, 2007 – 7:00 P.M.
LINCOLN CENTER HEARING ROOM**

PRESENT: Chairman Stephen Penny, Vice-Chairman Robert Schneider, Commission Members John Backer, Joseph Diminico, Edward Joy, Lewellyn Pelletier, and James Stevenson

ALSO: Assistant Town Attorney John Sullivan and Budget and Research Officer Julian Freund

ABSENT: Commission Members William Bayer and Margaret Hackett

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The December 6, 2007 meeting of the Charter Revision Commission was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Penny.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2007

MOTION: Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes of November 15, 2007 and Mr. Joy seconded the motion. All members voted in favor, except Mr. Diminico who was not yet present.

COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications brought before the Commission at this time.

DISCUSSION OF THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHARTER REVISION:

- a. **Review and consider restrictions on the Town's use of eminent domain power pursuant to Section 1-3(38) of the Town Charter.**

Chairman Penny stated that a recent public act may have pre-empted the need to amend this section of the Town Charter and asked that the Commission members receive a copy of it before a final decision is made on this item.

Mr. Freund has information from the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities that shows five municipalities have taken action concerning eminent domain, but not through Charter revision; all action has been taken in the form of ordinances. He will distribute copies to all Commission members.

MOTION: Mr. Joy made a motion to table this item. Mr. Backer seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor.

CONSIDERATION OF EXTENSION REQUEST

Mr. Freund explained that the Commission would need to have a final report to the Board of Directors by June 10, 2008 in order to provide enough of a buffer to complete all actions necessary before a referendum.

MOTION: Mr. Schneider made a motion to request a deadline extension to June 10, 2008. Mr. Pelletier seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

MOTION: Mr. Stevenson made a motion to cancel the December 20, 2007 meeting, instead hold an additional meeting January 31, 2008, and every two weeks thereafter. Mr. Schneider seconded the motion and all members present voted in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned until the January 3, 2008 meeting of the Charter Revision Commission in the Lincoln Center Hearing Room.

Adjournment: 7:37 p.m.

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APPROVED:

Stephen Penny, Chairperson