

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SPECIAL MEETING  
JUNE 19, 2019  
TOWN HALL — 6:45 PM

**Members Present:** First Selectman Betsy Petrie, Selectmen Glen Coutu and John Bendoraitis

**Others Present:** Charter Commission

**1.0 Call to Order**

B. Petrie called the meeting to order at 6:47 PM.

**2.0 Discuss and act upon hire of additional lifeguard for the 2019 Municipal Pool Season**

B. Petrie said there was a need to hire an additional lifeguard according to the Recreation Director.

*G. Coutu MOVED to hire Katie Anderson as a lifeguard for the 2019 municipal pool season at an hourly rate of \$11.40, effective immediately pending receipt of a signed letter of hire. J. Bendoraitis SECONDED.*  
MOTION CARRIED 3:0:0

**3.0 Discuss and act on 2019-2022 Resident State Trooper contract**

B. Petrie said the contract delivered by the state needs to be signed before the new fiscal year begins.

*G. Coutu MOVED to approve the 2019-2022 Resident State Trooper contract. J. Bendoraitis SECONDED.*  
MOTION CARRIED 3:0:0

**4.0 Discuss and act on recommendations to Charter Commission**

The Board of Selectmen presented recommendations to the Charter Commission on revisions to the draft charter submitted on June 6, 2019 based on the Selectmen's own readings of the document, public feedback, and advice from town legal counsel. These recommendations are included the following points:

Section	Comments
1.4.4	Added definition of Biennial Town Election to help clarify Article 11 in particular.
1.4.7	Need a clear term to encompass the amount to be raised by taxes; current language is a placeholder.
1.4.9	"Full Super Majority" term not used and should be deleted
1.4.10	"Full Majority" only used for BOS; difficult to get business done and unnecessary. OK to have higher voting requirements for some actions, but this concept makes for inconsistent town government and delays. Recommend removal.
2.3	Recommend deleting last sentence of 1 <sup>st</sup> provision. This provision would in effect preclude someone from serving as moderator of a town meeting because they can't or won't be moderator at a subsequent referendum. Recommend removal.
2.4.2	Annual Town Meeting doesn't involve issuance of bonds, so language referencing bonding done at annual town meeting should be removed.

2.4.3 & 10	Added reference to § 9.8 allowing BOF to approve appropriations under \$10K
2.4.13	The term “entire project tax burden” is problematic, as it is impossible to know what the entire project tax burden is at any given time. Reference to terminology of Annual Town Budget may help, but needs work.
3.1	Recommend increasing BOS to 5 to distribute workload, avoid situations where any meeting of two members is a formal (FOIA-subject) meeting of the BOS. Also, recommend 4-year terms, staggered board.
3.3.2	Term “Full majority” only used for BOS, so inconsistent across boards; also makes action difficult; recommend removing – could impose unanimity requirement on an individual action.
3.3.14	Same issue as in 3.3.2
3.4	Same issue.
7.3.2	Recommend changing Treasurer to appointed position will move reference to § 8, Appointive Officers
7.3.9	As allowed by CGS Sec. 11-21, Charter can provide for BOS to have responsibility for hire and fire decisions. For consistency purposes, BOS should retain such authority.
7.4	Recommend establishing process so there is consistency across town agencies – BOS fill vacancies, if not filled within 90 days. (Sixty days can be too short given meeting schedules and needed contact with/input from town parties) Agency can do it. Recommend notice to Town Clerk as trigger, so there is a clear date for all vacancies for Selectmen, need sixty (60) days.
8.1	Re: vacancies on appointive boards. While minority representation will apply, no need to add provision in addition to it. Adds to difficulty of filling.
8.2.1	Recommend removal appropriate for Charter Revision at later date. Have not identified any other CT town charter containing this provision. If towns want to add a town administrator, they include it in their Charter (new or Charter Revision). Several issues with having this position effected as anticipated: (i) BOS have no ability to fund this position without approval from Board of Finance, which then would require an additional(?) town meeting approval; (ii) do not want to circumvent referendum process otherwise needed to add such a role.
8.2.5	Recommend language acknowledging that position of Finance Director may not be filled.
11.2.1	Change recommended for numerous reasons: town is a statutory town and officials elected in November are required to begin term on 11/19 by statute. Recommend keeping that date.
11.2.2	Attempt at clarification of transition.
11.4	Attempt to line up dates with positions And Re: WPCA – need additional information on Commission

The commission has one month to act upon these recommendations.

## 5.0 Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Betsy Petrie  
First Selectman

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