

Robert J. Park

WELLING CONFERENCE ROOM
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
WORKSHOP

2021 OCT 25 PM 12:45

TOWN CLERK
EAST HARTFORD

OCTOBER 22, 2021

PRESENT Deb Arrieta, Richard Bates, Don Bell, Shelby Brown, Marcia Leclerc,
Tom Rup, Angel Santiago (arrived 7:25pm), Travis Simpson and Eric
Thompson

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Bell called the workshop to order at 6:10 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 28, 2021 Workshop

October 12, 2021 Workshop

It was the consensus of the Commission to defer action until the October 26th workshop meeting.

OPPORTUNITY FOR RESIDENTS TO SPEAK

None

OLD BUSINESS

A. Should the Town have a Professional Person in Charge of Overseeing All Town Government Operations?

Votes were:

- 8 in favor of adding a Professional person in some capacity
- 4 in favor of a Chief Accounting Officer/Chief Operating Officer to the Mayor's office
- 4 in favor of a Town Manager form of government
- No one in favor of keeping the existing form of government

Each member then voiced a preliminary opinion on the choice of a strong Mayor/Chief Accounting Officer/Chief Operations Officer or Town Manager form of government:

- 5 in favor of a Strong Mayor/CAO/COO
- 4 in favor of a Town Manager

Each member then voiced a preliminary opinion on length of terms:

4-year terms for both Mayor and Councillors discussed. Action deferred until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

New Meeting Schedule

It was the consensus of the Commission that a workshop would be held on Tuesday October 26th @ 6PM and a Public Hearing on Tuesday November 9th @ 6PM followed by Workshop at 6:30pm.

Future Guest Speakers

None planned at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

The Commission **adjourned** at 8:50 p.m.