Minutes of Meeting 19th Charter Revision Commission Appointed Boards & Commissions Meeting November 10, 2022

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Larobina at approximately 7:05 pm Present at the meeting were Commissioners, Larobina Bilicznianski, Lane and Halpern.

Agenda Item Number 3:

Discussion continued on the creation of a commission on disabilities. The Committee examined the commission on disabilities from the Town of Berlin, Town of Fairfield, City of Bridgeport, Town of Westport and City of Danbury. After discussion motion was made and seconded to mandate in the Charter a Commission on Disabilities modeled after the Town of Fairfield. In addition to the goals of the Town of Fairfield commission, add the requirement of an annual report to the Board of Representatives. The composition, terms and other details to be established by ordinance. Said motion passed 3-0-0.

Agenda Item Number 4:

The current Charter provisions were examined and studied by the Committee. Several edits were made to the current language that the Committee felt would address the issues brought forward with respect to how appointments to boards and commissions were made. It was concluded that Chairman Larobina would produce a track changes document and forward that to our outside counsel for an opinion.

Agenda Item Number 5:

The remaining boards and commissions on our list to examine were discussed briefly. In addition, the Committee asked Chairman Larobina to see if he could obtain a copy of an opinion on the WPCA he had engaged from outside counsel when he served as corporation counsel.

The Committee would like to discuss with outside counsel the benefits and downside of having boards and commissions in the charter vs. in the code of ordinances.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael D. Larobina, Chair

November 14, 2022