

Board of Selectmen Public Hearing on Draft Report of the Proposed Amended Charter

On July 21, 2025, the Board of Selectmen appointed seven members and approved a charge for the Charter Revision Commission. The full charge of the Commission can be [viewed here](#).

The Commission held their first meeting in August 2025. To view full meeting agendas, minutes, and recordings for the Commission please [Click Here](#)

The Commission held (2) Public Hearings:

[Charter Revision Commission – Public Hearing #1](#)

[Charter Revision Commission – Public Hearing #2](#)

On July 1, 2026, the Commission presented their [Draft Report of the Proposed Amended Charter](#) to the Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen, pursuant to [Connecticut General Statutes § 7-191\(b\)](#), will hold a Public Hearing on **Monday, July 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., at the Durham Community Center and Remote via Zoom**, to receive comments and recommendations regarding the Draft Report of Proposed Amendments to the Town Charter from the Durham Charter Revision Commission.

A copy of the [Draft Report of the Proposed Amended Charter](#) is available for public review in the Town Clerk's Office, Durham Public Library, Durham Community Center, and on the Town's website, www.townofdurhamct.org/ or call the Office of the First Selectman, 860-349-3625.

Following the July 13th Public Hearing:

1. Board of Selectmen, within 15 days of the Public Hearing, recommends changes to the Charter Revision Commission. If no changes are recommended, the draft report becomes final after the 15th day. – **(Deadline July 28, 2026)**
2. Charter Revision Commission has 30 days to accept or reject recommended changes from the Board of Selectmen and issue its final report
3. Board of Selectmen, by majority vote, has 15 days after Commission's final report to do one of the following:
 - a. approve the proposed changes in total;
 - b. approve the proposed changes in part;
 - c. reject the proposed changes in total;
 - d. hold a referendum after submission of a petition for a referendum filed within 45 days after rejection of proposal. Referendum by petition is mandatory.
4. Board of Selectmen, after approval or petition is filed in accordance with Step 3d, must hold a referendum within 15 months, and determine whether the vote on the proposed revisions will be held at either:
 - a. A regular election, in which case a simple majority voting in favor is sufficient for approval.
 - b. A Special election, in which case, a majority equal to at least 15% of the qualified voters, voting in favor is necessary for approval"