

Charge for Charter Revision Commission

Board of Selectmen

Approved on July 21, 2025

Revised on May 4, 2026

Charge

Revise and update Durham Town Charter to produce a perfect, impartial, and ethically-sound legislative tool that institutes practicability, clarity of processes, and transparency of government in a manner that follows prescribed Connecticut General Statutes and fully considers recommendations (including timelines and Charter Section review) by the Board of Selectmen. The commission shall submit its draft report, including the proposed charter, charter amendments or home rule ordinance amendments, to the clerk of the municipality, who shall transmit such report to the appointing authority no later than July 1, 2026.

In addition to any changes that would be appropriate to accomplish the goals set forth in the preceding paragraph, the Board of Selectmen would ask the Charter Revision Commission to consider the following specific items:

- 1) Modernize and update nomenclature and capabilities
- 2) Bring charter up to date with changes in state statute and town policies
- 3) Review and update town positions within the charter (i.e. Health Director/District, Recreation Director, Facilities Director, Finance Director)

Mission Statement

Revise and update Town Charter with the objective to:

- 1) Institute practicability/workability
- 2) Improve clarity of processes
- 3) Enhance transparency of government

Membership

The Commission shall consist of 7 members who shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The Commission shall have no more than 1/3 members hold public office and no more than a bare majority (5) may be from one political party.

The Committee shall elect its own Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary and shall establish a regular meeting schedule. All records of the Committee shall be filed with the Town Clerk and open to public inspection in accordance with applicable State Statutes. Members shall serve without compensation.

Members

Appointed by Board of Selectmen on July 21, 2025. Terms expire upon completion of charge.

Martin Anderson, D, Co-Chair

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