



**TOWN OF WINCHESTER
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION
Public Hearing Minutes**

Monday, May 4, 2026 – 5:30 PM
Town Hall, 338 Main Street
2nd Floor – P. Hicks Room

1. **Call to Order** – the meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by Chairwoman Candy Perez. In attendance are members of the Commission Holly Cassaday, Mark Lampognana, Luiza Martinez, and Sondra Strubher. Also in attendance Selectwoman Cheryl Heffernan McGlynn. Commission member absent - Bill Hudock.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Agenda Review** – remove item C based on Town Attorney opinion.
4. **Review minutes from April 28, 2026** – Added a note that Holly left the meeting at 6:45. *Motion to approve by Sondra, second by Mark and unanimously approved.*
5. **Agenda Items:** removed requirements for Board & Commission Membership (from past CRC issues) and reducing IWWC membership.

a. Registrars of Voters – Debby Jones and Barbara Braunstein:

- i. How many towns in Litchfield County have 2-year/4-year terms. Out of 169 towns in CT, 88 have 4-year terms, 81 have 2-year terms. Litchfield Country towns have more 4-year terms vs 2-year towns.
- ii. Pros vs Cons – only pros. Monetary investment the town has made in getting our Registrars certified. CT began requiring registrars get certified eff January 1, 2016 to ensure standardized voting procedures. To become certified there are 8 courses to be taken at UCONN. Two current registrars got their certifications in June 2017. There are continuing educational meetings every year.
- iii. What Charter sections are impacted: there are two impacted sections

Deputies do not have the training. If there is a new Registrar, they would need to get certified.

b. Continued review of the analysis of Board of Selectmen term 2 to 4 years:

Pros vs Cons - Four years can cause fatigue/burnout. Two-years terms offer more accountability. Four-year terms don't give taxpayers as much say as two-year terms.

We have consensus that we are not recommending this change to Selectmen.

c. Continued review of the requirements for Board & Commission Membership (from past CRC issues):

~~d. Charter items to discuss from public: Gilbert School line item budget to a Town budget line item~~ - removed this item under Agenda Review

- e. **Establish next steps including, but not limited to, invitations to town staff or others to understand any changes:**

Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 12th at 5:30.

6. **Timeline Check-in and formatting the report due on June 15th**

7. **Public Comment** – none, there was no one from the public present

8. **Adjournment - *Motion to adjourn made by Sondra, seconded by Mark and unanimously approved.***

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.