



# TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY

## *Charter Revision Commission*

**MINUTES**  
**CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Monday, April 6, 2020**  
**Via Zoom**

**Present:** Diana Anton  
Curt Bosco  
Paul Bialobrzeski  
John A. Jenusaitis  
Tom King  
Natrajan Kuppuraj  
Michael McVerry, Chairman

**Also Present:** Barbara Whitaker, Recording Clerk  
Joyce Berger  
Betty Jane Blick

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Approval of Minutes of March 24, 2020 Meeting**

Nat Kuppuaj MOTIONED to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2020 meeting, SECONDED by Tom King. Unanimous approval.

### **Discussion & Consideration**

#### **Section 202 (A) Staggered Terms of First Selectman and Board of Selectmen**

The following officers and members of boards, commissions and authorities shall be elected for the terms herein specified commencing on the first Monday of December following their election, unless otherwise provided herein, to perform the duties prescribed in this Charter and in the General Statutes, including but not limited to the specific statutes herein referred to:

The following will become effective for the November 2, 2020 Municipal Election:

#### A. First Selectman and Board of Selectmen.

(1) First Selectman The First Selectman shall be elected at the town election in the manner provided in Section 9-199 of the Connecticut General Statutes as the same may be amended from time to time for a term of four (4) years to perform the duties in Chapter III and IV of this Charter and Chapter 91 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as the same may be amended from time to time, except as modified by this Charter.

A. (2) Board of Selectmen Two (2) members of the Board of Selectmen shall be elected at the town election in the manner provided in Section 9-199 of the Connecticut General Statutes as the same may be amended from time to time, for a term of two (2) years to perform the duties in Chapter III and IV of this

Charter and Chapter 91 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as the same may be amended from time to time, except as modified by this Charter.

No individual shall be eligible to be a candidate of the office of both First Selectman and Board of Selectmen during the same election cycle. The offices of First Selectman and Board of Selectmen shall constitute a three (3) member Board for the purposes of the provisions of minority representation as set forth in Sections 209 and 503 of this Charter. No political party shall nominate more than one (1) candidate for the office of Board of Selectmen. Electors may cast votes for a maximum of two (2) candidates.

The following will become effective for the November 2, 2020 Municipal Election:

- B. (2) Board of Selectmen Two (2) members of the Board of Selectmen shall be elected at the town election in the manner provided in Section 9-199 of the Connecticut General Statutes as the same may be amended from time to time, for a term of four (4) years to perform the duties in Chapter III and IV of this Charter and Chapter 91 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as the same may be amended from time to time, except as modified by this Charter.

The offices of First Selectman and Board of Selectmen shall constitute a three (3) member Board for the purposes of the provisions of minority representation as set forth in Sections 209 and 503 of this Charter. No political party shall nominate more than one (1) candidate for the office of Board of Selectmen. Electors may cast votes for a maximum of two (2) candidates.

John A. Jenusaitis MOTIONED to approve these changes SECONDED by Natrajan Kuppuraj. Unanimous approval.

Discussion: Electors may cast a vote for two candidates; this was added because it is a separate election on alternating years this gives residents a chance to vote for two party candidates. The MOTION was carried.

Curtis Bosco MOTIONED to change the Land Preservation & Open Space Acquisition Committee to the Land Preservation & Open Space Acquisition Commission; SECONDED by John Jenusaitis. Unanimous approval.

Tom King MOTIONED to accept the change calling for a joint Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance meeting prior to the Budget Public Hearing and requiring an affirmative vote of each board on the budget the Commission SECONDED by Nat Kuppuraj. Unanimous approval.

Diana Anton MOTIONED to accept Section 301 as stated that The Board of Selectmen shall consist of the First Selectman and two (2) other members who shall be elected at the Town election for the term(s) as hereinbefore provided.; SECONDED by John Jenusaitis. Unanimous approval.

There was some discussion on the timing of the public hearings. The Chairman explained that after the Town Clerk presents the recommendations, the Board of Selectmen must have another public hearing.

The Commission will reconvene on Monday, April 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

**Adjournment**

Mr. King MOTIONED to ADJOURN, the meeting; SECONDED by Ms. Anton.

These minutes are submitted subject to approval this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

*Barbara J. Whitaker*

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