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**Stonington Charter Revision Commission
Organizational Meeting Minutes Draft
Thursday April 11, 2024 at 7:00 PM**

**Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center
Bottom Floor Meeting Room
27 Chase St.
Pawcatuck, CT 06379**

The meeting was called to order at 6:54 PM by Temporary Chairman Ray Trebisacci.

Present and seated for the meeting were Temporary Chairman Ray Trebisacci and Members Marsha Standish, David Lee, Lynn Young and June Strunk. Attorney Steve Mednick was also present.

Election of Permanent Chair

Mr. Lee made a motion to elect Atty Trebisacci as the Permanent Chairman and was seconded by Ms. Young. All were in favor, 5-0.

Ms. Young nominated Mr. Lee as Vice Chair / Correspondence Secretary and was seconded by Ms. Strunk. All were in favor, 5-0.

Orientation

Attorney Steve Mednick presented on a number of topics and systems regarding federal, state, and local governments including the powers that authorize Town Charters.

Per Atty Mednick, the goals of a charter are to provide clarity, flexibility, and accountability.

Atty Mednick discussed the overall charter process and the timeline of events that will occur. Atty Mednick and the Town Attorney will review the charter as well.

The Commission agreed that no substantive work will be done until there has been a public hearing.

It was confirmed that if the Commission does not complete their work in the allotted cycle, then they must be terminated and a new Commission would have to be reinstated.

A second public hearing will serve to discuss the changes that were made to the Charter and hear public comments regarding those changes.

Atty Mednick confirmed for the Commission that state statutes require public notification of a Charter Draft to be circulated in local newspapers. Agenda and Minutes will also be posted in an efficient manner and the Commission would like to encourage public input.

Set Time and Agenda for Next Meeting

The Commission set a date and time for the next meeting as May 9th at 6PM. The intention is to hold this meeting at the Police Station however an official agenda / notice will be posted.

The Commission agreed that the Regular meeting schedule will be determined at the next meeting in May.

Adjournment

Ms. Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Mr. Lee. All were in favor, 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.