

**Charter Revision Commission
CHARGE**

**As approved by the Board of Selectman
at their meeting of October 5, 2022**

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7-190(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes the Board of Selectmen desires to appoint a Charter Revision Commission consisting of 11 electors of the Town of East Lyme; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7-190(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes the Board of Selectmen desires to make recommendations to the Charter Revision Commission; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7-190(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes the Board of Selectmen must establish a date by which said Commission shall submit its draft report to the Town Clerk for transmittal to the Board of Selectmen;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the following 11 electors of the Town of East Lyme are hereby appointed to the Charter Revision Commission:

Jeffrey McNamara (R)
Marc Salerno (R)
Timothy Hagen (R)
Larry Fitzgerald (R)
Beth Hogan (D)
Barry Sheckley (D)
Jay Ginsberg (D)
Vivek Purohit (D)
Wayne Blair (U)
Maryanna Stevens (U)
Anna Johnson (U)

FILED

October 20, 2022 AT 8:15 AM PM
Bronx J. Stearns ATC
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following recommendations be directed to the Charter Revision Commission for its considerations and report:

1. Consider possible elimination of automatic budget referendum provision in Section 7.3 of the Charter.
2. Consider possible merger of the Planning Commission and Zoning Commission.
3. Consider possible amendment of Section 2.7 to provide four year terms of Selectmen and two or four year terms of First Selectman.
4. Consider possible removal of Town Clerk and Tax Collector from elective offices and add said offices to administrative offices.
5. Consider the possible exemption from the residency requirement set forth in Section 4.1.2 certain appointive offices, such as Director of Emergency Management, Dog Warden, etc., and the offices described in Sections 5.3- 5.7.
6. Eliminate references to constables and special constables in the existing charter.
7. Consider the possible amendment of Section 6.3.4 to provide that if the Board of Finance does not act on requests for special appropriations or transfers of funds within specified time, the result is an automatic approval.

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8. Consider the possible amendment of Section 6.3 to provide that projects funded entirely by grants from the State of Connecticut which do not require an appropriation of town funds need not be approved by the Board of Finance or a Town Meeting.

9. Consider the possible amendment of Section 6.3.1 to provide that the current dollar threshold of \$10,000 for special town meetings be raised.

10. Consider the possible addition of an appointive officer named the "Operations Officer" to assist the First Selectman in the performance of his or her administrative duties.

11. Consider the possible amendment of Section 3.4.3 to eliminate newspaper publication when allowed by law and substitute electronic and website notice.

12. Consider the possible amendment of Section 2.5.4 to provide that an appointee to a vacancy in an elective office shall serve the remainder of the term that was filled.

13. Consider reinstating the Conservation Commission which will be comprised of members from both the Inland Wetlands Agency and the Commission for the Conservation of Natural Resources.

The Commission may also consider such other items pertaining to the Charter as it deems desirable or necessary.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission shall, in its report, comment upon each recommendation which it has been directed to consider and on any other items pertaining to the Charter that the Commission has deemed desirable or necessary.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission shall submit its draft report to Town Clerk for transmittal to the Board of Selectmen on or before August 1, 2023.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commission shall terminate upon acceptance or rejection of its final report by the Board of Selectmen.

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN