

Town of Hebron

News Release

On December 6, 2012, the Hebron Board of Selectmen established an eight member Charter Revision Commission. The Board is seeking volunteers who are electors within the Town of Hebron to serve on the Charter Revision Commission.

The Town Charter requires that there be a review of the Charter every five years. The Selectmen are currently reviewing items to be included in the charge. The Charter Document can be viewed on the Town of Hebron website at www.hebronct.com.

Those people volunteering to be on the Commission must be willing to commit to attending nearly all meetings of the Commission and should have some familiarity with the Town and municipal government. The Selectmen would like to appoint at least one member with former experience on a board of commission, one member from the Town administrative staff and members from the community at large.

If you are interested in being considered for appointment to the Charter Revision Commission please send a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen in care of the Town Manager's Office, Town of Hebron, 15 Gilead Street, Hebron, CT 06248.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED

2013-2014 CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

AREAS IDENTIFIED FOR CONSIDERATION or REVIEW

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“A” LIST

- Forms of Government
 - To Include Town Council Form of Government Review
- Town of Hebron and Douglas Library of Hebron Library Study Task Force – Task Force Recommendations to be considered – possible transition from Association to Municipal Library and establishment of Town Library Board of Trustees

BUDGET RELATED

- Budget Bifurcation
- Wording of Referendum Questions
- Timing of Successive Budget Referenda When Budget Fails (Section 803 B)
- Interim Mill Rate If Budget Not Adopted by June 30th (Section 803 C)
- Amount of Supplemental Appropriation (Sections 304 and 805)
- Threshold for \$\$ to go to Special Town Meeting or Referendum (Section 304)
- Consider change in date for the mandatory meeting to discuss the goals and objectives for the upcoming budget from December, to the first BOS meeting in September (Section 802 A)
- Consider March budget review meetings to require attendance by both BOS and BOF (Section 802 D)
- Consider a BOS Budget Hearing before the BOF Budget is finalized and a BOF Public Hearing before the Budget Recommendation is finalized (Section 802 D & E)

“B” LIST

- Memo from Town Planner Michael O’Leary with recommended changes relating to Town acceptance of Open Space.
- Memo from Wetlands Agent John Soderberg regarding the composition of the Conservation Commission and Inland Wetlands Agency.
- Memo from the 2009 Charter Revision Commission:
 - Change in Fiscal Year from July 1 to October 1
 - Budget Bifurcation
 - Voting Districts
- Inclusion of the Code of Ethics in the Charter
- Administrative Officers Listing (Section 702)
- Term Limits on Elected Officials (if permissible under CGS)
- Removal for failure to serve on elected boards (if permissible under CGS)
- Percentage of electors required for petition (Section 305)
- Number of electors required for quorum at Town Meeting (Section 302 B)
- Consider elimination of the Tricentennial Commission

January 3, 2013