

**MINUTES  
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION  
PUBLIC HEARING  
FEBRUARY 9, 2011**

1. Chairperson Bottinick declared the Public Hearing open at **7:03 p.m** with the following in attendance:

L. Caine

C. Herb

**PRESS:**

M. Ciacciarella

D. Hoff

A. Malik

D. Cronin

R. Neth, absent

L. Weschler

B. Gregorio

S. Poynton

**OTHERS:**

Attorney E. Fitzpatrick

Deputy Mayor T. K. Rossi

Burgess H. Kuczenski

**RESIDENTS:**

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2. Chairperson Bottinick led the Charter Revision Commission (hereafter "CRC") in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
3. Chairperson Bottinick advised the CRC and the public that the Public Hearing was mandated by Connecticut Law and had to be held before the CRC could engage in any substantive work on revising Naugatuck's Charter. Chairperson Bottinick further explained that the purpose of the Public Hearing was for the CRC to receive commentary, input and observation from the public concerning the Charter. Additionally, Mr. Bottinick informed the CRC and the public that comment could be made and received concerning any portion, provision and/or aspect of the Charter. The Public Hearing legal notice that appeared in the Republican American Newspaper on January 30, 2011 and February 3, 2011 was read into record.
4. Chairperson Bottinick asked for Public Comment.

**Antoinette Cronin** of Damson Lane asked the CRC to put the Charter in laymen's terms so that the average person could understand the document. She further requested that the CRC consider revising the Charter to provide for an "automatic referendum" on the Borough's budget. Mrs. Cronin suggested that there should be a maximum of three (3) referenda on the budget, assuming that neither the first nor the second referendum results in the passage of the budget, and that there should be a mandatory percentage reduction in the budget if a budget is not approved at referendum.

Prompted by questions from Commissioners, Mrs. Cronin indicated that the current required minimum percentage of electors casting votes at a referendum in order for the referendum to be effective remain the same which she believed was fifteen (15%) percent.

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- James Kelly** (sic?) of Gail Drive agreed with each point made by Mrs. Cronin and requested that the CRC take into consideration the viewpoints she presented during the Public Hearing. Although Mr. Kelly agreed with the positions advocated by Mrs. Cronin, he did not have a position on a mandatory percentage reduction in the budget if a referendum on that budget did not pass.
5. It was determined that the next meeting of the CRC would be held on February 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at a venue to be determined.
  6. **VOTED:** Unanimously on a motion by C. Herb and seconded by D. Hoff to adjourn the Public Hearing at **7:25 p.m.**

**A digital recording of the Public Hearing is available in the office of the Borough Clerk for further review.**

**Attest:**

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M. Leonard Caine III  
Secretary