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**TOWN OF CROMWELL
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
PUBLIC HEARING CHARTER REVISION
SPECIAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING (IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PUBLIC
HEARING) AUGUST 22, 2011
7:00 P.M. TOWN HALL ROOM 224/5
(HEARING WILL BE MOVED TO TOWN HALL GYM IF NECESSARY)**

Present: First Selectman J. Flanders, Deputy First Selectman R. Newton,
A. Varricchio, A. Halibozek, A. Waters, A. Spotts, P. Ahlquist

A. Public Hearing Called to Order

First Selectman Flanders called the Public Hearing and Special Board of Selectmen Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

First Selectman Flanders read the notice into the record:

Cromwell, CT-Notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Cromwell will be holding a Public Hearing on August 22, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cromwell Town Hall, 41 West Street, Cromwell, CT, Room 224/5 for citizen's comments on the proposed amendments to the municipal charter.

The Board of Selectmen will hold a Special Meeting immediately following the Public Hearing in Room 224/5 of the Cromwell Town Hall.

Copies of the draft amendments will be available for review in the Town Clerk's Office, the Library and on the town website, www.cromwellct.com.

John M. Flanders, First Selectman
For the Board of Selectmen

B. Citizen Comments

The Hearing was opened for Public Comments:

1. R. Duffy, Oxford Lane -Spoke in favor of a Town Manager form of government.
2. J. Gugliemino, Washington Road -Inquired how many towns have town managers?
3. D. Phillips, Linda Court -Spoke against a Town Manager form of government.
4. M. Terry, Main Street -Asked the board to move this forward this November and let the people tell us what they want.

5. O. Gorey, West Street -Not in favor of a Town Manager form of government.
6. B. Coughlin, Glenwood Terrace - Stated that the Charter Revision Commission thoroughly researched the needs of the town and urged the board to send the Commission's recommendations to referendum with this November's election.
7. A. Thomas, Cedarland Court - Spoke in favor of a Town Manager and asked the board to send it to referendum this November.
8. E. Haines, Braidon Drive - Feels that the Charter should state that the Town Manager should be required to live in Cromwell.
9. E. Faienza, Coles Road - Chairman of the Charter Revision Commission - Stated that the residency issue will be left up to the Town Council.
10. A. Kelly, Willowbrook Road -In favor of putting this on the November ballot. Urged the board to let the people decide.
11. R. Jahn, Woodside Road -Spoke in favor of a Town Manager and agreed that it should be on the November ballot.
12. S. Donen, Skyview Drive -Spoke against the Town Manager form of government stating in his experience they are less responsive to the public.
13. H. Zalewski, Geer Street -Thanked the Charter Revision for their hard work and stated that this should go to referendum this November.
14. B. Anderson, Chestnut Court -Spoke in favor of a Town Manager stating that she has worked with town managers in the past and never had a problem with them or the town council.
15. R. Lucht, Washington Road -Spoke in favor of a Town Manager and stated this should go to referendum this November.

C. Public Hearing Adjourned

First Selectman Flanders closed the Public Hearing at 7:38 p.m.