

**WOLCOTT TOWN COUNCIL  
SPECIAL MEETING**

Tuesday, August 31, 2010  
Wolcott Town Hall, Council Chambers  
7:00 P.M.  
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**Note:** These are summary minutes. A tape recording of this meeting is on file in Wolcott Town Hall; Commission Secretary's Office.

Chairman Santogatta called the Special Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance, and attendance was taken.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Michael Santogatta, Vice-Chairman Steven Olmstead, David Valletta, Gale Mastrofrancesco, Charles Marsella, Michael Bokon, Randy Petroniro, Michael Perrone, and Francis Masi

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mayor Thomas Dunn; Brian Tynan, Town Attorney; Arline Tansley, Vice-Chair, Charter Revision Commission; Rachel Wisler, Member, Charter Revision Commission; et al.

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**CORRESPONDENCE (ON FILE):**

1. Memo dated August 25<sup>th</sup> to the Charter Revision Commission regarding Town Council recommendations to the Draft Report
2. Letter dated August 25<sup>th</sup> from Attorney Brian Tynan regarding Question Format of Charter Revision Commission's Report for Referendum
3. Letter dated August 26<sup>th</sup> from George Babcock, Charter Revision Commission Chairman, advising that they are resubmitting their proposals without change, and requesting that the Council divide the questions
4. Proposed Charter Revisions – Revised & Corrected 08-25-10 (Sec. 704)
5. Proposed Charter Revision – Civilian Police Review Board
6. Memo dated August 26<sup>th</sup> from Dolores Slater, Town Clerk, advising that she is submitting the Final Report of the Charter Revision Commission

**DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING PROPOSED CHARTER REVISIONS:**

Chairman Santogatta advised that they have to make a decision on whether they are going to accept the Charter Revision's final report. It was noted that the Charter Revision Commission did not remove Section 408A 'Civilian Police Review Board', from their proposals; it is contained in and a part of the final report that the Council must vote on this evening.

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A **MOTION**, was offered by Michael Perrone, seconded by Steven Olmstead to **adopt** the following resolution (**see attached**); BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wolcott Town Council hereby **accepts** the Charter Revision Commission's Report dated August 31, 2010, as said Commission's Final Report, without change.

Discussion ensued regarding the final report. Inquires were made and clarification was given as to the definition of the final report and of the ballot questions contained in the proposed resolution. Attorney Tynan noted that it is the electors that will ultimately decide if any of the proposals will be accepted or not; the Council accepting the report does not accomplish that. The Council can also decide whether to just have one question on the ballot or more than one. It was noted that if they reject the final report of the Charter Revision Commission tonight, then it dies; there will be no referendum on any of the proposals.

**A roll call vote was taken and the foregoing above motion carried as indicated below: 6-3**

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
Francis Masi		X	
Charles Marsella	X		
Michael Perrone	X		
Steven Olmstead	X		
Michael Bokon		X	
Gale Mastrofrancesco		X	
Randy Petroniro	X		
David Valletta	X		
Michael Santogatta	X		

Chairman Santogatta advised that they now have three options; to place the proposals on the ballot as one question, place nothing on the ballot, or place two questions on the ballot, one to preserve everything in the proposals, except for Section 408A 'Civilian Police Review Board', and the next to deal only with Section 408A.

A **MOTION**, was offered by Steven Olmstead, seconded by Randy Petroniro to **adopt** the following resolution (**see attached**); BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wolcott Town Council hereby **AUTHORIZES** the Town of Wolcott to prepare ballot headings as follows:

### QUESTION

"Shall the Town of Wolcott Charter be amended as provided in the Charter Revision Commission's Final Report dated August 31, 2010, except for Section 408A entitled 'Civilian Police Review Board'?"

YES NO

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### QUESTION

"Shall the Town of Wolcott Charter be amended as provided in the Charter Revision Commission's Final Report dated August 31, 2010, to add Section 408A entitled 'Civilian Police Review Board'?"

YES      NO

Lengthy discussion followed pertaining to the questions themselves and as to what exactly the outcomes ultimately are if each is approved or not approved at referendum. Discussion also transpired regarding alternate wording. Attorney Tynan advised that he reviewed the questions with the Town Clerk and with the Secretary of State's Office this morning during which they came to the conclusion that this was the best wording.

**A roll call vote was taken and the foregoing motion *carried* as indicated below: 5-4**

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
<b>Francis Masi</b>		X	
<b>Charles Marsella</b>	X		
<b>Michael Perrone</b>	X		
<b>Steven Olmstead</b>	X		
<b>Michael Bokon</b>		X	
<b>Gale Mastrofrancesco</b>		X	
<b>Randy Petroniro</b>	X		
<b>David Valletta</b>		X	
<b>Michael Santogatta</b>	X		

Upon **MOTION**, by Steven Olmstead, seconded by Charles Marsella, it was unanimously voted to **adopt** the following resolution; BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wolcott Town Council hereby **authorizes** the Town of Wolcott to submit to Referendum the proposed Charter Revisions as accepted by the Wolcott Town Council by Resolution at a Special Meeting of the Wolcott Town Council on August 31, 2010. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, said referendum is to take place on Tuesday, November 2, 2010, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at all voting districts, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town may prepare absentee ballots which will be available from the Wolcott Town Clerk (**see attached**).

Upon **MOTION**, by Steven Olmstead, seconded by Randy Petroniro, it was unanimously voted to **authorize** the Municipal Clerk in conjunction with the Town Attorney to prepare and print explanatory text of the Charter Revision Referendum Questions.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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Upon **MOTION**, by Charles Marsella, seconded by Randy Petroniro, it was unanimously voted to **adjourn** the Special Meeting at 7:31 p.m.

**APPROVED:**

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Elizabeth Gaudiosi  
**Commission Secretary**

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Michael J. Santogatta, Chairman  
**WOLCOTT TOWN COUNCIL**



# TOWN OF WOLCOTT

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Charter Revision Commission  
George Babcock, Chairman  
10 Kenea Avenue  
Wolcott, CT 06716

August 26, 2010

Mr. Michael Santogatta  
Chairman  
Wolcott Town Council

Dear Mr. Santogatta and Council Members,

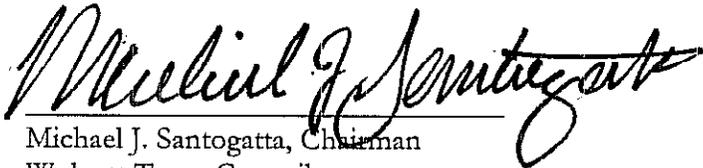
The Charter Revision Committee met last evening August 25<sup>th</sup> to review and to act upon the final charter proposals and to submit our final recommendations to the Town Council. After much discussion and under advisement from the Town Attorney that the Town Council could separate the questions we voted to return the document in whole to the Town Council with the hope that you will separate the Citizens Police Review Board and have two questions on the November ballot. One supporting or opposing the document as presented without the CPRB and the other question supporting or opposing the CPRB.

Gab Chairman Charter Revision Committee

# 324

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT CHARTER REVISION  
COMMISSION'S  
FINAL REPORT**

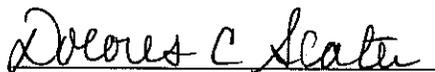
BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wolcott Town Council hereby accepts the Charter Revision Commission's Report dated August 31, 2010, as said Commission's Final Report, without change.



Michael J. Santogatta, Chairman  
Wolcott Town Council

Dated at Wolcott, CT on August 31, 2010.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of resolution duly adopted and ratified by the Town Council of the Town of Wolcott at its Special Meeting on August 31, 2010.

  
Dolores C. Slater, Town Clerk

9-1-2010  
Date

# 325

## RESOLUTION TO PREPARE BALLOT HEADINGS

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wolcott Town Council hereby AUTHORIZES the Town of Wolcott to prepare ballot headings as follows:

### QUESTION

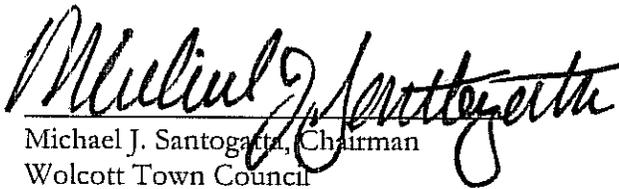
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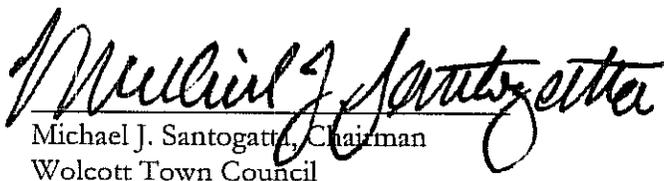
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**RESOLUTION TO SEND CHARTER REVISION TO  
REFERENDUM**

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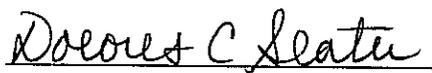
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