

**Town of Hartford, Vermont**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Charter Commission**  
**Agenda**  
**Thursday, July 28, 2022 11:00am-12:30pm**  
**Hartford Town Hall Room 312**  
Zoom details below

1. Call to Order (1 min)
2. Attendance (1 min)
3. Order of Agenda (3 min) including any new ideas
4. Receive Public Comments (5 min)
5. Minutes of July 14, 2022 (5 min)
6. Review of proposed language (1 hour)
  - a. Section 123A-104. Local option tax (Collins)
  - b. Sections123A-301c) Clerk new language (Bohi)
  - c. Section 123a-203 2E quorum (Bohi)
  - d. New Tied election process (bohi)
  - e. Michelle has committee questions
7. Non doodle poll August meeting dates
7. Discussion of other drafts as available (5 min)
8. Any problems or questions
9. Adjourn
10. Next meeting will be decided at this meeting

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Town of Hartford 5th Charter Commission  
Proposed calendar of events leading to vote on charter changes  
17 V.S.A. § 2645  
Event Date State Law Comments  
Charter Commission  
Public Presentation  
9/20/2022 Opportunity to bring to general public  
Charter Commission  
Presentation - Select  
Board  
10/4/2022 Specifically for discussion between committee and  
board  
Charter Commission  
Presentation - School  
Board  
10/5/2022 Specifically for discussion between committee and  
board  
Charter commission  
finalizes draft for legal  
review  
10/13/2022 Integrates comments and sends to attorney  
Charter commission  
approves final proposal  
11/17/2022 Attorney finalizes proposal  
Final proposal  
completed and  
presented to boards  
for adoption  
11/22/2022 proposal is officially approved by commission and  
transmitted to boards  
Charter Proposal filed 12/30/2022 An official copy of the charter proposal shall be  
filed as a public record in the office of the clerk of  
the municipality at least 10 days before the first  
public hearing. The clerk shall certify the date on  
which he or she received the official copy, and the  
dated copies thereof shall be made available to  
members of the public upon request.  
Dec 30 is deadline to make the Info Night public  
hearing work. Boards can adopt the proposal  
any time before then -- presumably by mid  
December  
1st Public Hearing 1/9/2023 The legislative body of the municipality shall hold  
at least two public hearings prior to the meeting  
to vote on the charter proposal.  
The first public hearing shall be held in  
accordance with subdivision (a)(2) of this section  
and at least 30 days before the vote.  
Info Night is first Monday after 1st Tuesday of  
January, ideally, we have first hearing at Info  
Night, leaving three weeks for boards to modify  
proposal  
Last date for revisions to proposal  
2/1/2023 If the charter proposal is made by the legislative

body, the legislative body may revise the proposal as a result of suggestions and recommendations made at a public hearing, but in no event shall such revisions be made less than 20 days before the date of the meeting to vote on the charter proposal.

is technically Feb 15 but practically speaking because of getting ballots printed, it is the same day as the deadline for Selectboard and School Board to adopt Town Meeting Warnings  
Ballots Available 2/13/2023 early voting begins  
Budget & Candidates

Night

2/27/2023 candidates' portion may include debate about charter but it is not formally part of the event

Town Meeting Day -

2nd Public Hearing

3/4/2023 The public hearing will be called to order early in the day's program, preferably prior to the respective boards running through their agenda.

Voting Day 3/7/2023