

1 CONWAY CHARTER COMMISSION AGENDA
2 CONWAY TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM
3 23 MAIN STREET, CONWAY NH
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6 OCTOBER 25, 2023, 5:30 PM
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9 The following members were present: Mark Guerrigue, Eliza Grant, Harrison Kanzler, Karen
10 Umberger, S. Sand, David Weathers, and Thomas Holmes.
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12 Absent: Ray Leavitt and Victoria Noel Blake.

13 **Pledge of Allegiance**

14 Those able stood for the pledge of allegiance.

15 **Approval of Agenda**

16 ***S. Sand moved to approve the agenda as presented seconded by K. Umberger.***
17 ***Vote in favor 7-0.***

18 **Charter Changes**

19 Discussion was held concerning the number of petitioners required. Currently written as 50.
20 Members believed it should be reduced to 25.
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22 ***H. Kanzler motioned to change the number of petitioners to 25 in both 8.2 A and B; Seconded***
23 ***by M. Guerrigue.***
24 ***Vote in favor 5-2***

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26 Article 8
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28 ***H. Kanzler moved to approve Article 8 as amended; seconded by M. Guerrigue***
29 ***Vote in favor 6-1***

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31 Article 9

32 9.1- no suggestions or edits.

33 ***9.2- Karen Umberger motioned to add 9.2 H to approve subdivision roads that meet town***
34 ***standards. A petition of 25 registered voters shall be presented to the Council for their***
35 ***decision. If they choose not to accept the roads, then the petitioned articles shall be placed on***

36 **the warrant. Seconded by S. Sand.**

37 **Vote in favor 6-1**

38 **Karen Umberger motioned at add 9.2 I the Council shall have the authority to purchase real**
39 **property for the benefit of the Town. the Council shall have the authority to sell real property**
40 **and equipment owned by the Town; seconded by M. Guerrigue.**

41 **Vote in favor 5-2**

42 9.2 F. The Council may choose for non-profit requests to place one article on the ballot or
43 incorporate them into the budget if for the prior three (3) years the request has been approved
44 by the voters. Nonprofits shall petition the Council. Twenty-five (25) registered voter signatures
45 are required. Any non-profit article the Council disapproves of shall be placed on the ballot as a
46 separate Warrant Article. If a non-profit request a three (3) percent increase or more, it shall be
47 placed on the Warrant. A non-profit that is requesting funding for the first time will present a
48 petitioned article consisting of twenty-five (25) signatures which will be placed on the warrant.

49 **S. Sand motioned to approve article 9 as revised and amended; seconded by E. Grant.**

50 **Vote in favor 6-1**

51 Article 10

52 10.1 - no suggestions or edits.

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54 10.2 – T. Holmes- is this where we could add Roberts Rules?

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56 S. Sand- I think Roberts Rules is an option and the different Boards and Commissions can add it
57 in if they want to.

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59 E. Grant- I think we should add it in as a default for bodies to function.

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61 K. Umberger- we are adding to 10.2 Roberts Rules of Order shall be followed. The Councils,
62 Boards, Committees and Commission shall determine the rules of order at their organizational
63 meeting.

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65 **M. Guerrigue motioned to approve Roberts' Rules of Order shall be followed unless and until,**
66 **the Councils, Boards, Committees and Commissions vote in the majority to replace or revise**
67 **them at their organizational meeting; seconded by D. Weathers.**

68 **Vote in favor 6-1**

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70 E. Grant- we should revise Article 9. To paste into 9.3 Rules of Town Meeting in the Town
71 Charter. In section 2 part 3. To read "accept where they're specified by State Statute and
72 conduct of Town Meeting shall be Robert's Rules of order, unless otherwise voted on by the
73 Legislative body.

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75 10.3- no suggestions or edits.
76 10.4- no suggestions or edits.
77 10.5- no suggestions or edits.
78 10.6- no suggestions or edits.
79 10.7- no suggestions or edits.
80 10.8- no suggestions or edits.
81 10.9- no suggestions or edits.
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83 10.10
84 ***T. Holmes motioned to eliminate the last sentence of 10.10; seconded by S. Sand.***
85 ***Vote in favor 7-0***
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87 10.11- no suggestions or edits.
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89 10.12
90 ***T. Holmes motioned that we add in the word "former" to protect past employees; seconded***
91 ***by D. Weathers.***
92 ***Vote in favor 7-0***
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94 10.13
95 ***S. Sand motioned to add age, race, Sex, political. Religious opinions or affiliations, marital***
96 ***status, disability, color, national origin, and sexual orientation; seconded by E. Grant.***
97 ***Vote in favor 7-0***
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99 10.14- no suggestions or edits.
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101 10.15- S. Sand I think we should move it to a different location.
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103 ***K. Umberger motioned to approve Article 10 as amended; seconded by D. Weathers.***
104 ***Vote in favor 7-0***
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106 Article 11
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108 ***11.1- H. Kanzler motioned to reduce the Budget Committee to consist of 11 members of which***
109 ***6 members elected at large, 1 school board member, 1 town member, 1 from each precinct;***
110 ***seconded by D. Weathers.***
111 ***Vote in favor 6-1***
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113 ***E. Grant motioned to accept the changes to 11.1 B; seconded by H. Kanzler.***
114 ***Vote in favor 7-0***
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116 S. Sand- I saw in other charters that a member of the Conservation Commission was from the
117 Planning Board.
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119 ***H. Kanzler motioned that we include language that requires there be a member of the***
120 ***Planning Board on the Conservation Commission appointed by the Town Council; seconded by***
121 ***E. Grant***
122 ***Vote in favor 6-0-1***

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124 T. Holmes- I think we can wrap up here today and finish at our next meeting.
125 We have already held our 2 public hearings we don't have to hold another one.

126 **Old Business- none**

127 **New Business- none**

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129 **Public Comments- none**

130 **Adjournment**

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132 ***T. Holmes adjourned the meeting.***

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134 Respectfully Submitted,

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136 Alicia Jipson

137 Recording Secretary