



**MINUTES
TOWN COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING MEETING
June 15, 2026
6:30 PM - Council Chambers**

1. ROLL CALL

The Chair called the Public Hearing to order at 6:38pm.

Present: Linda Allegro, Gina Cekala, Robert Cressotti, Carol Hall, Cynthia Mangini, Maya Matthews, Marie Pyznar, Aaron Thomas, Lori Unghire, Zach Zannoni
Absent: John Santanella

Also present were Town Manager, Matthew Coppler; Assistant Town Manager, Steve Bielenda; Town Attorney, Cindy Cieslak; and Town Clerk, Sheila Bailey.

2. PUBLIC HEARING

The following Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Hartford Courant on June 2, 2026.

The Enfield Town Council will hold a Public Hearing in the Enfield Town Hall Council Chambers, 820 Enfield Street, Enfield, Connecticut on Monday, June 15, 2026 at 6:30pm to solicit public input on proposed revisions to the Enfield Town Charter.

A copy of the Proposed Enfield Town Charter is available in the Town Clerk's office for public inspection or at www.enfield-ct.gov.

Dated this 2nd day of June, 2026.

Sheila M. Bailey, Town Clerk

Chair Cekala announced the ground rules.

George Young, 8 Holly Lane

Mr. Young's comments are appended to these minutes.

3. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other members of the public who wished to speak, the Chair declared the Public Hearing closed.

MOTION by: Lori Unghire, seconded: Cynthia Mangini to adjourn.

Upon a **SHOW OF HANDS** vote being taken, the Chair declared the **MOTION** adopted

unanimously, and the meeting stood adjourned at 7:42pm.
Respectfully submitted,

Sheila M. Bailey, Town Clerk
Clerk of the Council

PUBLIC COMMENTS – CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

George Young 8 Holly Lane 6.15.2026 6:30 pm gyjrcpa@aol.com

We should applaud the Charter Revision Committee for the tireless work they did to update a document that the Town needs to guide them for the next 10 years. However, I have enough comments and questions that probably suggests the vote to approve the resolution tonight should be tabled. There is plenty of time to finish and approve it.

Ch II, Section 2(a) and (b) page 3. Question: Why would the term of office for the Council begin on the Monday following Election Day and the term of the BOE not start until the second Tuesday following Election Day? Why doesn't the BOE members start the Tuesday following Election Day?

Ch IV, Section 2 on page 8 and Section 4 on page 9 appear to conflict regarding the absence of the Town Manager. On page 8 the criteria has been changed so that the Council may appoint an Acting Town Manager in the event of a "vacancy" and now the reasons for the vacancy have been deleted. On pg 9 it states that "The Manager shall designate one of the Manager's appointees to serve as Acting Manager during the Manager's absence." I believe there needs to be a definition of "Vacancy" as it was previously clear. More importantly, in the succession of command, why wouldn't the Assistant Town Manager be the Acting Town Manager for the temporary period. That same comment would apply during the Manager's absence.

Ch IV, Section 3, pg 9, Town Manager Duties. In the 2nd sentence, the Commission has changed the word "shall" to "may". This is a constant change throughout the document but they did miss some in Ch IV, Section 4, pg 9 in the first sentence under "Appointmets". "The Manager shall appoint all department heads.....". and in the last sentence "The Manager shall designate....." When they use "shall" and "may", I don't think those words are strong enough. I would suggest using "will" for example to clearly state what the responsibility is that the person needs to do.

Ch V, Appointments by the Town Council and the Manager, Section 8, Dept of Finance, pg 11. It clearly states that "...Financial reports shall be prepared for each quarter and for each fiscal year and for such other periods as may be required by the Town Manager. Once again, I don't believe the word "shall" is strong enough and should be replaced by "will" as previously suggested.

Ch V, Section 9. Department of Public Works – The 1st sentence of 9 lines is much too long and needs to be broken up into more than one sentence especially where there are only 2 sentences in the whole paragraph and the last one is only 3 lines.

Ch VI, Section 5. Pg 18 Emergency Funding. In this long first sentence it states that "Emergency appropriations not exceeding one (1) percent of the current budget in any one fiscal year may be made upon the recommendation of the Manager and by a vote of not less than six (6) members of the Council..... I believe it should read: "and by the approval vote of not less than six (6) members of the Council" or should it be approval of a least six (6) members of the council? There is ambiguity in this portion of the requirement. In addition to that first part of the sentence, in the remainder of the sentence, where it lists where the notice of a public hearing should take place, it states "...and in a newspaper having circulation in the town...." I believe there was an effort to not require the newspaper any more so it should probably be removed.

Ch VIII, Section 6. Pg 22. Why is the effective date December 4, 2025 or will that be changed after it goes to referendum?