Minutes not yet approved.
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BLOOMFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

There was a special meeting of the above reference held on Monday February 2, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. on a **Zoom ONLY** webinar virtual platform. The in-person location was Council Chambers, Bloomfield Town Hall, 800 Bloomfield Avenue, Bloomfield, CT.

Councilors: Mayor Anthony Harrington; Deputy Mayor Cindi Lloyd; Todd Cooper; Darrell Goodwin; Joseph Merritt; Shamar Mahon; Suzette DeBeatham-Brown; Elizabeth Waterhouse; Michael Oliver.

Councilors absent: None

Others present *via Zoom:* Latonia Tabb, Clerk of Council; India Rodgers, Director of Operations & Communications; Alvin D. Schwapp Jr., Town Manager; Sharron Howe, Deputy Town Manager; Warren Plummer, Director of IT; Annatouchur Kingland, Senior Administrative Andrew Crumbie, Town Attorney, Crumbie Law Group, LLC.

Meeting was called to order at 5:06 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance

COUNCIL BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

2026-39: Discussion and Possible Action regarding Initiating the Charter Revision Process

The Council discussed initiating the Charter Revision process, noting that the Town has engaged in charter review for approximately the past year and a half and received extensive feedback from residents and staff. Mayor Harrington clarified that the prior vote to place a charter revision question on the November 2025 ballot was a procedural step to preserve the option to revise the Charter and did not obligate the Town to proceed as drafted. With additional insight from newly tenured staff, the Town seeks to revisit the Charter comprehensively to ensure it reflects current operations and community priorities, requiring a two-thirds Council vote to initiate the formal review process. There was discussion regarding the charter review process, call the question, and motion.

It was moved by Councilor Cooper, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lloyd to move the Bloomfield Town Council, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 7-187 through 7-191, and the Bloomfield Town Charter, hereby Initiate the Charter Review process. (need a 2/3 vote to

approve).

VOTE: **AYE:** T. Cooper, S. DeBeatham-Brown, M. Oliver, D. Goodwin, C. Lloyd, A. Harrington

NAY: S. Mahon, J. Merritt

ABSTAIN: None

Motion passes 6-2-0

2026-40: Discussion and Possible Action regarding establishing the Charter Revision Commission and Appointing its members

Councilors had discussion regarding this item. Mayor Harrington read the resolution initiating a formal review and possible amendment of the Bloomfield Town Charter in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes and the Town Charter. The resolution established a five-member Bloomfield Charter Revision Commission, appointing Joseph Suggs Jr., Elvin Turner, Bradley Klein, Erica Coleman, and Dwight Bolton, all of whom must be Town electors and meet statutory and charter eligibility requirements, and who will serve without compensation. The Commission is authorized to organize its internal procedures, keep detailed records, consider recommendations from the Town Council, provide progress reports at regular Council meetings, and draft proposed charter amendments. The Council directed the Commission to review specified Charter sections, while not limiting the scope of review, and required submission of a draft report to the Town Clerk no later than May 11, 2026.

It was moved by Councilor Cooper, seconded by Deputy Mayor Lloyd and voted to approve the Appointments of the Charter Revision Commission and Set the Charge.

VOTE: **AYE:** T. Cooper, M. Oliver, J. Merritt, C. Lloyd, A. Harrington

NAY: S. DeBeatham-Brown, S. Mahon

ABSTAIN: D. Goodwin

Motion passes 5-2-1

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Deputy Mayor Lloyd, seconded by Councilor Cooper and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 p.m.