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Dear Commission members:

Thank you for your dedication and hard work thus far with our community's Charter revision efforts. It is much appreciated.

I was in attendance at the 7/19/18 Charter Commission meeting and just wanted to clarify a comment made by a council member, which is recorded in the minutes.

See below where I have highlighted for reference.

Mr. Skoczulek c

ommented in regard to staggered terms. His vote on this item is on the record and spoke in regard to the input from the Board of Education (BOE) which was late. It was received after the public hearing and the Town Council's vote. Mr. Skoczulek explained that he personally is not averse to staggered terms for the BOE if the members feel this is what they want. He stipulated that the learning curve for BOE members is perhaps tougher than that of Town Council members. He personally does not believe the Town Council should have staggered terms but would entertain them for the BOE.

In October 2017, BOE recommendations were forwarded to the Charter Commission via our Policy Committee. In January 2018, I also re-submitted our BOE recommendations to the Commission. Both of these communications are listed on record. Were these also provided to the council along with other recommendations from town departments, boards and commissions? If so, then in fact, the Board of Education was not "late" in providing input on the item of staggered terms. As volunteers ourselves, who are required to be at many other meetings, it has been difficult to be at the Charter Commission meetings as well. If the Council or the Commission needed more information from the BOE in regard to the reasoning behind our recommendations, then

that could have been provided upon request. The time spent on the Charter revision has been enormous up until this point, and this is only one small part, but this may just be another example of not enough time being given to the entire process. No fault of this Commission; just my personal observation toward any future Charter work.

I don't know if this should be addressed as a correction/edit or addendum to the minutes. Please advise if I should communicate this in any additional manner. My intent was to have this clarification to be on record with the Commission because this type of comment in meeting minutes, could easily be misconstrued by the public.

Thank you again for the tremendous efforts of this Commission for our Tolland community!

Sincerely,
Karen C. Moran

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