

CITY OF RUTLAND, VERMONT
Public Hearing for Charter Change
Monday, January 29, 2024

Members present; President Talbott, Aldermen Cupoli, Barbagallo, McCann, McClure, Gillam, Davis, Savage, and Hooker. Also present, Mayor Doenges, Commissioner Protivansky, Manager Garafano and Clerk Kapusta. Alderman Adams and Alderwoman Tadio were absent.

5:30 PM PUBLIC HEARING

President Talbott called the hearing to order at 5:30 PM and noted the public hearing was related to a Charter Proposal regarding to the removal of fluoride from the City of Rutland water supply. Pursuant to Section 2.2 of the City of Rutland's Charter and 17 V.S.A. §2645(a)(1), the Mayor has received a petition from not less than five (5) percent of the legal voters of the City to include the following question:

Shall the voters amend the City of Rutland Charter, Subchapter 24: Department of Public Works, §9-24.4 Commissioner; control of water supply, as follows? (~~striktthrough~~ material deleted; underlined material added):

- (a) The Commissioner of Public Works shall have the exclusive general management and supervision of the City water works and may make and enforce regulations regarding the use and control of water. He or She shall have authority to enforce beyond the limits of the City such regulations as may be necessary for the care, protection, preservation, management, and control of the City water works and water supply, in the same manner and to the same extent as within the City. Notwithstanding any other provision of this charter, no fluoride, or any chemical containing fluoride, shall be added to the City of Rutland Water supply.

Jack Crowther spoke in favor of removing fluoride from the water.

Joseph Errante, DDS from Northeast Delta Dental spoke in favor of keeping fluoride in the water.

Robin Miller, Vermont Department of Health spoke in favor of keeping fluoride in the water.

Steve Rayes, DDS, MS spoke in favor of keeping fluoride in the water.

Lopi LaRoe spoke in favor of removing fluoride from the water.

Kathleen Krevetski spoke in favor of removing fluoride from the water.

Jerome Krevetski spoke in favor of removing fluoride from the water.

Mayor Doenges read a letter from Representative Paul Clifford in favor of keeping fluoride in the water.

Ada Pezzetti, a former teacher of Biology, spoke in favor of removing fluoride from the water.

Ivo Skoric spoke in favor of removing fluoride from the water.

Motion was made and second (Davis, Savage) to adjourn at 6:51 PM. **Motion passed.**

Respectively,

Tracy L. Kapusta
City Clerk