

TOWN COUNCIL APPROVED CHARGES FOR THE
TOWN CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

Effective April 8, 2024

Consider and Take Action regarding Town Charter Commission Charges

There ensued a detailed discussion regarding Town Charter Commission charges, relative to suggested topics for review. The following list of Charter Section and topics listed below for consideration of the Commission:

- Substantive or administrative amendments to the Town Charter
- Justices of the Peace
 - Appropriate amount to have.
- Chapter II – Election of Officers
 - Potentially adding language for training opportunities with all elected boards and commissions, i.e. sexually harassment, code of conduct, etc.
- Section 201 – Elections
 - (Terms of Office for Elected Officials – staggered terms)
- Section 205 – Voting Districts
- Section 301 – The Council
 - (Potential change of language regarding compensation)
- Section 308 – Referendum on certain ordinance and certain appropriations
- Section 309 – Emergency Appropriations Resolution
 - (current language “not to exceed one- and one-half percent of the total annual budget of the town for the current fiscal year in any one year”)
- Section 310 – Obligatory Referendum on bond issues and appropriations
- Section 501 – Appointments by Council
 - Number of boards and commissions, how they are formed – by resolution or ordinance.
 - Town Attorney – Timing of Appointment
- Section 502 – Town Manager
 - Residency requirements
 - Section 502 – c (Town Manager as the Purchasing Agent – Review of Town and BOE agent/designee)
- Section 503 – Town Clerk (Department Overview)
- Section 504 – Town Treasurer
 - (Duties to include more involvement with the town bonding process)
- Section 604 – Department of Library Services
 - (Review of legal, reporting and governing structures)
- Section 605 – Other Departments, Offices & Agencies
 - (Fire Department – Creation of a public fire department?)
 - Bloomfield Volunteer Ambulance
- Section 701 – Salaries
- Section 904 – Powers and duties of the council on budget
 - (Budget Timing – currently not aligned with the state budget process)
- Section 905 – Annual Town Meeting