

## CHANGES TO THE CHARTER 2018

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN (BASIC) CHARTER

1. Section 2-5: Insert “after recount”  
When any regular or special Town election, primary election or referendum conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Charter results in a tie, “*after recount*”, an adjourned election shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Section 9-332 of the General Statutes, as amended, to determine who shall be elected.
2. Section 3-2C: Insert “the procedures set forth in”  
A vacancy on the Town Council shall be filled in accordance *with the procedures set forth in* Section 9-222 of the General Statutes encaptioned, “Filling of vacancy in office of first selectman or selectman. Petition for special election”.
3. Section 3-4 Treasurers: The board agreed to leave this section in. They deleted “elected at a regular town election” and add “appointed by the Board of Selectmen”  
The Treasurer shall be *appointed by the Board of Selectmen* for a term of two (2) years.
4. Section 3-8: Insert “who shall not be members of the same political party”  
The Board of Assessment Appeals Alternates *who shall not be members of the same political party* shall consist of two (2) members, each whom shall be elected for a term of four (4) years
5. Section 3-14: Board of Police Commissioners Alternates – the board agreed to remove this section.
6. Section 4-4: Insert “Meeting”  
Should the Annual Budget *Meeting* be adjourned prior to it being convened to referendum, said Meeting shall automatically reconvene in succeeding one (1) week intervals until its completion.
7. Section 5-7: Insert “Shall have the authority to approve real property tax abatement agreements allowed under provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes and as recommended by the Board of Finance”
8. Section 5-7 P. i: Remove “exceeds \$15,000” and replace it with “requires in kind or matching funds”.  
The approval of the Board of Finance and, if the grant *requires in kind or matching funds*, Town Meeting as otherwise provided herein; and
9. Section 6-1: Insert “/she”  
The First Selectman or such other Selectmen as he/*she* may appoint shall be an ex-officio member of all Boards, Commissions, Agencies, Committees and Authorities including the Board of Education and the Board of Finance, but without the power to vote.
10. Section 7-2C: insert “committee”  
No one person may hold more than one (1) elected and two (2) appointed positions simultaneously on Boards or Commissions excluding ad hoc *committees* and subcommittees.
11. Section 7-2 D: Change “Non to No”, and insert “committees”.  
*No* one person may hold more than three (3) appointed positions simultaneously on Boards or Commissions excluding ad hoc *committees* and subcommittees.
12. Section 7-4: Insert “Party”  
Section 7-4 Minority *Party* Representation  
Minority *Party* Representation shall be as specified in Chapter II of this Charter
13. Section 7-6 B: Remove “There will be no term limits for board members”.

14. Section 7-7B: Insert “with no more than 2 alternates from the same political party and”  
The Economic Development Commission shall consist of seven (7) members, and three (3) alternate members **with no more than 2 alternates from the same political party and** all appointed to serve overlapping terms.
15. Section 7-8 A: Remove Historic District Commission under five year terms and insert them in Section 7-7 G. Historic District Commission for four year terms.
16. Section 8-13: The current sentence reads “The Police Department shall be headed by the Chief of Police, who shall be hired by the Town Manager with approval of the Board of Police Commissioners, and subject to the direction of the Board of Police Commissioners. The Chief shall be the Chief Administrative Officer of the Department and shall be responsible to the Board for its efficiency and for the execution of all laws, rules and regulations prescribed by the said Board” will be replaced with **“The Police Department shall be headed by the Chief of Police, subject to the direction of the Board of Police Commissioners, who shall be hired by the Board of Selectmen with approval of the Board of Police Commissioners.**
17. Section 8-15: Remove “\* [Clinton’s Youth and Family Services Bureau was established by ordinance; in 1991, under General Statute 17-443(a), a subsection of Section 17-443. That same year, Section 17-443 was transferred to Section 17a-39. Sections 17-443 and 17a-39 were both under the auspices of the State’s Commissioner of Children and Families. Responsibility for the program was then transferred to the State’s Commissioner of Education, effective July 1, 1995; Section 17a-39 was transferred to Section 10-19m in 1997. Section 10-19m is in the Department of Education Section of the General Statutes, as amended, and is encaptioned “Youth Service Bureaus. Annual Report. Regulations.”]”
18. Section 9-3: Change “shall” to “may”.
19. Section 9-4: Change “his” to “his/her”
20. Section 10-2 A: Insert “Board of Selectmen and the”  
It shall also provide the **Board of Selectmen and the** Board of Finance with a report on the proposed capital improvements to be undertaken for the ensuing year and the following four (4) fiscal years.
21. Section 10-4 B: Change “20,000” to “\$50,000”