

## Westerly Charter Revision Commission Proposed Text of Ballot Questions

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1. Shall Section 1-3-1 of the Westerly Town Charter be amended to include a provision that forbids the Town from conveying or abandoning any of its rights of way to the shoreline?
2. Shall Section 15-1-3 of the Westerly Town Charter be amended to insert the words "abide by" in place of "observe" in the oath of office for all officers of the Town; and shall Article II of the Westerly Town Charter be amended to include an affirmative statement that members of the Town Council shall abide by the Town Charter and Ordinances?
3. Shall Section 2-1-1 of the Westerly Town Charter be amended to limit a member of the Town Council to serving two consecutive terms, regardless of the length of the term?
4. Shall Section 2-1-3 of the Westerly Town Charter be amended to confirm the sequence of eligible candidates to fill a vacancy on the Town Council; and, further, to amend Section 11-1-3 of the Westerly Town Charter to define the process for filling a vacancy on the School Committee in the same manner as filling a vacancy on the Town Council?
5. Shall Sections 2-1-8 and 11-1-6 of the Westerly Town Charter be amended to include a requirement that a period of open citizens comment be on the agenda at each meeting?
6. Shall Sections 3-1-3 and 11-1-7 of the Westerly Town Charter be amended to require submission of a proposed budget on the first Monday in March to allow an adequate period of review by Board of Finance?
7. Shall Section 3-1-4 of the Westerly Town Charter be amended to include a requirement that the annual budget process commence with a meeting of specified departments and committees to be convened by the Board of Finance each October, and further, that the Board of Finance shall prepare an annual status report of all major Town projects?
8. Shall Section 4-1-2 of the Westerly Town Charter be amended to include a statement that the Town Manager shall maintain and review detailed job descriptions for each position reporting directly to the Manager?
9. Shall Section 5-3-2 of the Westerly Town Charter be amended to expressly include a failure to abide by the Charter among the stated grounds for recall from office?
10. Shall Section 5-3-3 of the Westerly Town Charter be amended to revise the process of initiation of a recall election, to reduce the required number of signatures on a declaration of intent to petition from 100 qualified electors to 35, and to reduce the requirement for the npercentage of recall petition signatures from 35% to 20%, and to reduce the requirement for a removal by recall from two-thirds to a majority of votes?

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11. Shall Section 5-4-3 of the Westerly Town Charter be amended to include time limits for the administrative referral and verification process for initiative petition signatures?
12. Shall Section 7-1-4 of the Westerly Town Charter be amended to change the time interval for Finance Department reporting of receipts and disbursements from monthly to quarterly?
13. Shall Section 9-1-7 of the Westerly Town Charter be amended to delete the provision that police officers may be removed from office by action of the Town Council?
14. Shall Section 9-1-8 of the Westerly Town Charter referring to the use of constables by the Police Department be deleted in order to remain in compliance with state certification standards?
15. Shall Article XII of the Westerly Town Charter be revised to include provisions for membership, terms of office and powers and duties of the Planning Board; to insert language consistent with existing ordinances that govern periodic review and revision of the Zoning Ordinances and the Zoning Map; to delete the Chapter relating to the now-defunct Department of Development Services; to relocate the descriptions for the Town Planner and Zoning Official to Chapter III of Article XII; and to relocate the descriptions for the Property Maintenance Code Official and the Building Official to Chapter III of Article XIII?
16. Shall Section 15-1-1 of the Westerly Town Charter be amended to include a provision clarifying the process for the Charter Revision Commission and the Town Council to propose amendments to the Town Charter?
17. Shall Section 15-2-2 of the Westerly Town Charter be amended to require that public notice by newspaper of any proposed change to existing ordinances must include the full text of the proposed changes?
18. Shall Section 15-2-3 of the Westerly Town Charter be amended to forbid the creation of any new Office, Department or Agency of the Town in the budget ordinance?