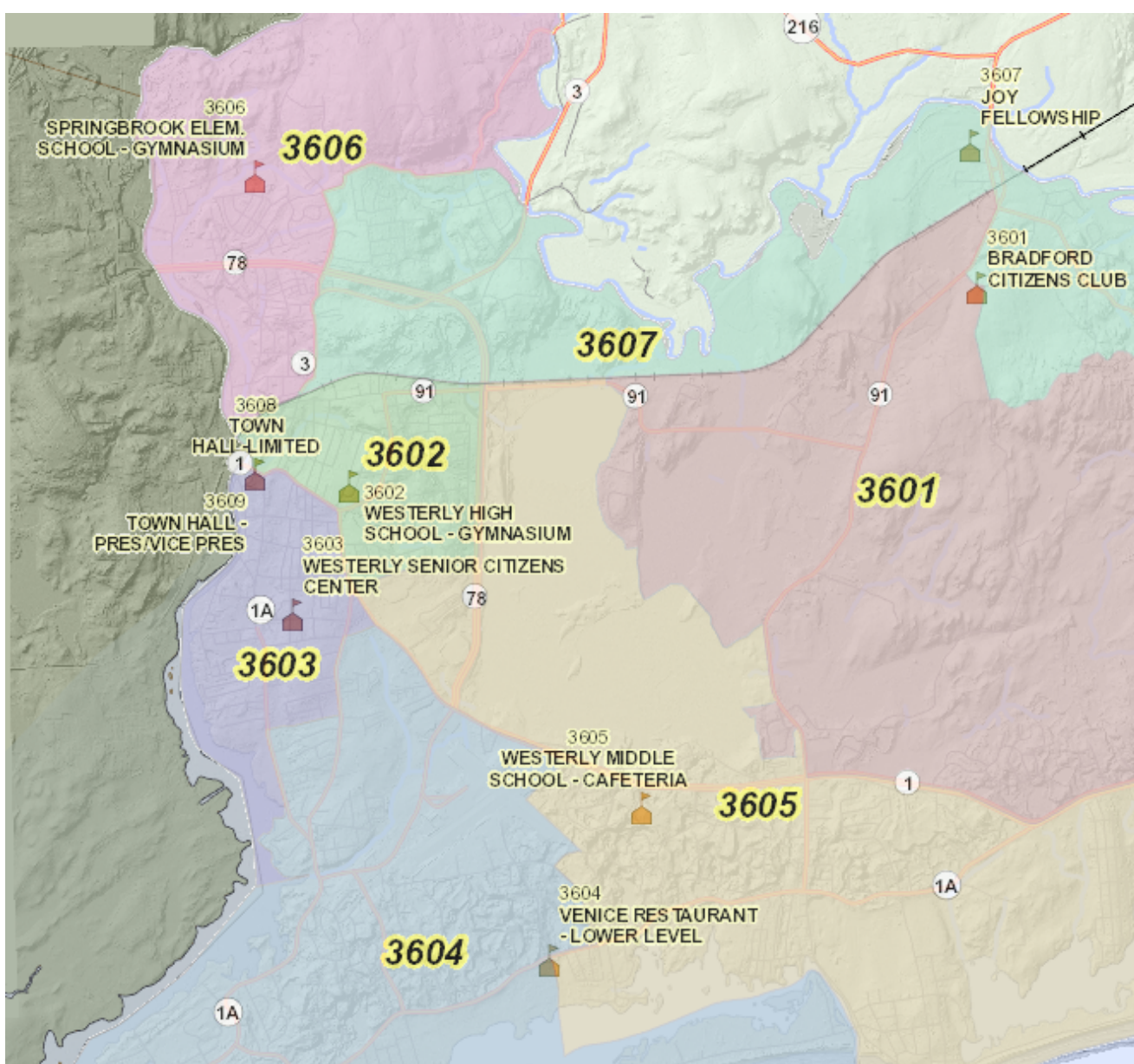


TOWN OF WESTERLY

Information for Voters

General Election
Tuesday
November 5, 2024





Polling locations for the November 5, 2024 General Election

Westerly Residents

This informational pamphlet is being mailed to every residence to assist voters in making informed decisions on the local ballot questions concerning the Town of Westerly at the General Election, November 5, 2024.

Included in this pamphlet are explanations for the local ballot questions, voting locations, and several options for voting. Please take the time to read through the proposed ballot questions to have a better understanding of the revisions to the Westerly Home Rule Charter.

Thank you for your attention to this important responsibility.

Pursuant to RIGL §17-8-10, voter fraud is a felony and is punishable by a fine and/or a jail sentence.
"You must be a United States citizen and registered to vote from your actual place of residence."


Three Ways to Vote

1. **Vote Early In-Person at Town Hall prior to Election Day.**

In the Town Clerk's Library, first floor, during business hours - Monday through Friday beginning Wednesday, October 16, 2024 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm through Monday, November 4, 2024 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.

2. **Vote by Mail - Complete a Mail Ballot Application to vote from home.**

Voting from home is a safe and easy option for those voters who do not wish to vote in-person. Registered voters who complete a mail ballot application and return it by Tuesday, October 15, 2024, deadline at 4:00 pm, will have a mail ballot sent to them.

 Registered voters may apply for a mail ballot using a paper form or by using the RI Department of State's online mail ballot application portal at vote.ri.gov.

You may return your voted ballot:

BY MAIL

- ✓ Mail your ballot ahead of time to ensure it is received by:
8:00 pm on November 5, 2024, General Election Day.

BY DROP BOX

- ✓ Drop your ballot in the 24-hour Town Hall Official Ballot drop box.
**Must be deposited in any Statewide Official Ballot drop box by
8:00 pm on November 5, 2024, General Election Day.**

3. **Vote at your Polling Location.**

On Tuesday, November 5, 2024, from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Polling Locations for November 5, 2024 General Election

3601 Bradford Citizens Club	124 Woody Hill Rd, Bradford
3602 Westerly High School Gym	23 Ward Ave, Westerly
3603 Westerly Senior Center	39 State St, Westerly
3604 Venice Restaurant	165 Shore Rd, Westerly
3605 Westerly Middle School Cafeteria	10 Sandy Hill Rd, Westerly
3606 Springbrook School Gym	39 Springbrook Rd, Westerly
3607 Joy Fellowship	17 Bowling Ln, Bradford
3609* Westerly Town Hall, Town Clerk's Library, first floor	45 Broad Street, Westerly

*Same day voter registration to vote for President & Vice President Only

Valid Photo Identification is Required

Please visit vote.ri.gov to confirm your polling location and view a sample ballot.

QUESTION 6

**FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD AND SIDEWALK
INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS \$18,000,000
(Resolution of the Town Council adopted July 15, 2024)**

Shall The Town of Westerly be authorized to issue not to exceed \$18,000,000 general obligation bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness to finance the construction of road and sidewalk infrastructure improvements in the Town be approved?

- APPROVE
- REJECT

BOND DEBT SERVICE

Loan Purpose	Estimated Coupon Rate	Fiscal Years	Principal	Interest	Total Debt Service
Roads, Sidewalks, Related Improvements	4.00%	2025-2045	\$18,000,000	\$8,490,000	\$26,490,000

- If approved, this bond will have the following fiscal impact per \$1,000 of assessed property value:

General Fund Total Debt Service	Estimated Tax Rate Increase Per \$1,000 2024-2025	Estimated Tax Rate Increase Per \$1,000 2025-2026	Estimated Tax Rate Increase Per \$1,000 2026-2027	Total Tax Increase Per \$1,000 2027-2045
\$26,490,000	\$0.00	\$0.17	\$0.17	\$0.17

ESTIMATED TAX RATE CHANGES BY HOME VALUE

Home Values	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00
2024-2025 Tax*	\$ 3,402.00	\$ 4,860.00	\$ 7,290.00	\$ 9,720.00
2025-2026 Tax	\$ 3,461.50	\$ 4,945.00	\$ 7,417.50	\$ 9,890.00
2026-2045 Tax Increase for Debt Service	\$ 59.50	\$ 85.00	\$ 127.50	\$ 170.00
<i>* No fiscal impact in FY25, start paying debt service in FY26</i>				

Anticipation of Spending	Remaining
Year 1	\$ 6,000,000.00
Year 2	\$ 6,000,000.00
Year 3	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 18,000,000.00

BOND DEBT SERVICE

Town of Westerly, RI
Proposed Road Bonds
Estimated Rate
Dated June 15, 2025

<i>Period Ending</i>	<i>Principal</i>	<i>Coupon</i>	<i>Interest</i>	<i>Debt Service</i>	<i>Bond Balance</i>	<i>Total Bond Value</i>
06/30/2025					18,000,000	18,000,000
06/30/2026	605,000	4.000%	720,000	1,325,000	17,395,000	17,395,000
06/30/2027	630,000	4.000%	695,800	1,325,800	16,765,000	16,765,000
06/30/2028	655,000	4.000%	670,600	1,325,600	16,110,000	16,110,000
06/30/2029	680,000	4.000%	644,400	1,324,400	15,430,000	15,430,000
06/30/2030	705,000	4.000%	617,200	1,322,200	14,725,000	14,725,000
06/30/2031	735,000	4.000%	589,000	1,324,000	13,990,000	13,990,000
06/30/2032	765,000	4.000%	559,600	1,324,600	13,225,000	13,225,000
06/30/2033	795,000	4.000%	529,000	1,324,000	12,430,000	12,430,000
06/30/2034	825,000	4.000%	497,200	1,322,200	11,605,000	11,605,000
06/30/2035	860,000	4.000%	464,200	1,324,200	10,745,000	10,745,000
06/30/2036	895,000	4.000%	429,800	1,324,800	9,850,000	9,850,000
06/30/2037	930,000	4.000%	394,000	1,324,000	8,920,000	8,920,000
06/30/2038	970,000	4.000%	356,800	1,326,800	7,950,000	7,950,000
06/30/2039	1,005,000	4.000%	318,000	1,323,000	6,945,000	6,945,000
06/30/2040	1,045,000	4.000%	277,800	1,322,800	5,900,000	5,900,000
06/30/2041	1,090,000	4.000%	236,000	1,326,000	4,810,000	4,810,000
06/30/2042	1,130,000	4.000%	192,400	1,322,400	3,680,000	3,680,000
06/30/2043	1,180,000	4.000%	147,200	1,327,200	2,500,000	2,500,000
06/30/2044	1,225,000	4.000%	100,000	1,325,000	1,275,000	1,275,000
06/30/2045	1,275,000	4.000%	51,000	1,326,000		
	18,000,000		8,490,000	26,490,000		

QUESTIONS 7 – 25

AMENDMENTS TO THE WESTERLY TOWN CHARTER (Resolution of the Town Council adopted July 15, 2024)

7. RIGHTS-OF-WAY TO SHORELINE (Art. I, Chapter III, §1 “Powers of the Town”)

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?

- If approved, Section 1-3-1 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

“The Town may acquire property within or without its corporate limits for any public purpose, in fee simple or any lesser interest or estate, by purchase, gift, lease, devise or condemnation, and may sell, lease, mortgage, hold, manage and control such property as its interests may require, except that the town shall not convey or abandon any of its interests in the rights of way to the shoreline; and, except as prohibited by the Constitution of this State, or restricted by this Charter, the Town shall have and may exercise all municipal powers, rights, privileges and immunities of every name and nature whatsoever.”

Explanation

- This amendment will prohibit the Town from conveying or abandoning any of its interest in Rights of Way to the shoreline.



8. OATH OF OFFICE
(Art. XV, Chapter I, §3 “Oath of Office”)

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?

- If approved, the first sentence of Article II of the Charter would read as follows:

“The Council shall abide by the provisions of the charter and ordinances of the Town of Westerly.”

- If approved, Section 15-1-3 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution and obey the laws of the United States of America and the State of Rhode Island; that I will in all respects, abide by the provisions of the Charter and ordinances of the Town of Westerly and will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of"

Explanation

- It is the intent of these proposed amendments to strengthen town officials’ understanding of the importance of the Charter.



9. TOWN COUNCIL TERM LIMITS
(Art. II, Chapter I, §1 “Number, Selection, Term”)

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?

- If approved, Section 2-1-3 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

“No Town Councilor will be able to serve for more than two (2) consecutive terms.”

Explanation

- This amendment would establish a term limit that no Town Councilor may serve more than two consecutive terms in office.



10. TOWN COUNCIL AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE VACANCIES
(Art. II, Chapter I, §3 “Vacancies” and Art. XI, Chapter I, §3 “Vacancies”)

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?

- If approved, Section 2-1-3 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

“Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the membership of the Council by death, removal, out of town, resignation, or by neglect or refusal to qualify, or for any other cause, the right to assume the office shall be afforded sequentially by the Council to the first, second or third runner-up from the preceding election. If none of the top (3) runners up assume the office and it is less than one (1) year since the preceding election, a special election shall be held; or if none of the top three (3) runners up assume the office and it is at least one (1) year since the preceding election, the Council shall attempt to appoint a qualified person to the office.”

- If approved, Section 11-1-3 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

“Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the membership of the School Committee by death, removal, out of town, resignation, or by neglect or refusal to qualify, or for any other cause, the right to assume the office shall be afforded sequentially by the council to the first, second or third runner-up from the preceding election. If none of the top three (3) runners up assume the office and it is less than one (1) year since the preceding election, a special election shall be held; or if none of the top three (3) runners up assume the office and it is at least one (1) year since the preceding election, the Council shall attempt to appoint a qualified person to the office.”

Explanation

- This proposed amendment establishes that any vacancy on the Town Council or School Committee would be filled by the candidate with the next highest vote total in the most recent election for Council and School Committee.



11. OPEN CITIZEN'S COMMENT

(Art. II, Chapter I, §8 "Meetings" and Art. XI, Chapter I, §6 "Organization and Rules")

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 citizen's comment be on the agenda at each meeting?

- If approved, Section 2-1-8 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

"The Council shall make provisions for a session of open comment prior to adjournment of each meeting."

- If approved, Section 11-1-6 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

"The School Committee shall make provisions for a session of open comment prior to adjournment of each meeting."

Explanation

- This amendment would require that the Town Council and the School Committee provide for a session of open citizen's comment prior to the adjournment of each meeting.



12. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED TOWN AND SCHOOL BUDGETS

(Art. III, Chapter I, §3 "Proposed Budget" and Art. XI, Chapter I, §7 "Budget")

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 the Board of Finance?

- If approved, Section 3-1-3 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

"On or before the first Monday in March of each year, the Town Manager shall submit to the Finance Board, with copies to the Town Council, the proposed budget of the Town of Westerly."

- If approved, Section 11-1-7 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

"The School Committee shall submit its proposed budget in the prescribed format and with line-item details as required by the Board of Finance to the director of finance ~~on or before the first Monday of March of each year.~~"

Explanation

- This amendment requires the Town Manager to submit the proposed budget of the Town of Westerly to the Finance Board, with copies to the Town Council, on or before the 1st Monday in March of each year.



**13. COMMENCEMENT OF ANNUAL BUDGET AND
MAJOR TOWN PROJECTS ANNUAL REPORT
(Art. III, Chapter I, §4(a) and (b) “Duties of the Board of Finance”**

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?

- If approved, Section 3-1-4 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

“3-1-4(a) Every October the Board of Finance shall convene a meeting of the following committees or departments of the Town (Planning Board, School Department, Finance Department, Town Manager), additionally any other departments that the Manager so directs. This meeting subject is "Budget Preparations and Coordination", the product of this effort is the alignment of department planning as part of the budget process and shall review the progress of major projects underway by the Town.

3-1-4(b) The Board of Finance shall prepare an annual report for the Town Council on the status of all major Town projects. Additionally, the annual report shall recommend consolidated financial goals for the annual budget year.”

Explanation

- This amendment creates a requirement for a budget preparation and coordination meeting of committees and departments with the Board of Finance of the Town every October and requires the Board of Finance to prepare an annual report for the Town Council on the status of major Town Projects.



**14. JOB DESCRIPTIONS
(Art. IV, Chapter I, §2(g) “Powers and Duties”)**

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?

- If approved, Section 4-1-2(g) of the Charter would be amended as follows:

“The Town Manager shall maintain and review detailed job descriptions and duties for all direct reports.”

Explanation

- This amendment would require that the Town Manager have job descriptions for all Town employees who report directly to the Town Manager.



15. GROUNDS FOR RECALL FROM OFFICE
(Art. V, Chapter III, §2 “Officials Subject to Recall”)

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?

- If approved, Section 5-3-2 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

“Grounds for recall shall include violations of the Code of Ethics of the State of Rhode Island or failure to abide by the Westerly Town Charter.”

Explanation

- This amendment would establish that violations of the State of Rhode Island Code of Ethics or failure to abide by the Westerly Town Charter are grounds for recall of a Town elected official.



16. RECALL ELECTION PROCESS
(Art. V, Chapter III, §3 “Procedure to Accomplish Recall”)

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 percentage 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?

- If approved, Section 5-3-3 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

“1. Initiation of recall.

- a) Thirty-five (35) qualified electors of the Town of Westerly shall file a declaration of intent to petition for recall of an elected official with the Town Clerk. Once validated, the Town Clerk shall present the declaration to recall to the Town Council within five (5) days of receipt or at the next scheduled meeting. The presentation shall include the name of the elected official subject to recall and state the grounds for recall.”

- If approved, Section 5-3-3 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

“2. Collection of recall petition signatures.

- a) Within forty-five (45) days of the presentation of the valid declaration to the Town Council a written petition demanding the removal of said official shall be filed with the Town Clerk. Said petition shall include the signatures of qualified voters of the Town of Westerly. The required signatures shall be not less than twenty percent (20%) of the number of votes cast at the most recent general election.”

- If approved, Section 5-3-3 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

“5. Conduct of recall election.

- b) If the majority of the votes cast on the question are in the affirmative, the person whose removal is affirmed by that vote shall be deemed to have been removed from office as of the date of certification of the results by the Board of Canvassers.”

Explanation

- These amendments will modify the number of electors needed to initiate a recall election, the procedure for presenting and validating the recall petition and establishes removal from office pursuant to recall based on a majority of the votes cast in the recall election.



17. VOTER INITIATIVE PETITION (Art. V, Chapter IV, §3 “Filing of Petitions; Validity”)

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?

- If approved, Section 5-4-3 of the Charter would be amended as follows:
 - "a. The Town Clerk shall receive all voter-initiated petitions for certification. A true copy of each petition shall be filed with the Town Clerk and shall be stamped "Filed" with the time and date of filing indicated. The Town Clerk shall, within five (5) days of the filing of said petition, refer said petition to the Board of Canvassers, which shall, within ten (10) days from the date of receipt of said petition from the Town Clerk, determine the sufficiency thereof and certify the results to the Town Clerk.”

Explanation

- This amendment establishes a five (5) day time period for the Town Clerk to present a voter initiative petition to the Board of Canvassers and requires the Board of Canvassers to determine the sufficiency of the petition and certify the results to the Town Clerk within ten (10) days.



18. FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORTING
(Art. VII, Chapter I, §4 “Powers and Duties”)

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?

- If approved, Section 7-1-4 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

“Prepare a quarterly Statement of all receipts and disbursements in sufficient detail to show the exact cash position and unencumbered position of the offices, departments, including the Westerly School Department, and agencies of the Town and to prepare as of the end of the fiscal year a complete financial statement and report, which report shall be deemed a public record.”

Explanation

- If approved this amendment would require Town financial statements to be published quarterly.



19. POLICE OFFICERS
(Art. IX, Chapter I, §7 “Appointment and Tenure of Police Officers”)

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?

- If approved, Section 9-1-7 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

“All police officers of the Department of Public Safety shall be appointed or promoted, by the Manager upon the recommendation of the Chief of their Department and the Director of Public Safety, provided that they have passed such qualifying tests as may be established by ordinance.”

Explanation

- This amendment establishes that Police Officers shall be appointed or promoted by the Town Manager upon the recommendation of the Chief and the Director of Public Safety, providing that candidates have passed qualifying tests established by ordinance, and the Town Council will be removed from the process.



20. CONSTABLES
(Art. IX, Chapter I, §8 “Constables”)

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?

- If approved, this amendment would delete Section 9-1-8 of the Town Charter:

Explanation

- The deletion of this charter provision will bring the Town into compliance with the certification standards established by the Rhode Island Police Officers Commission on Standards and Training and the Rhode Island Police Accreditation Commission.



21. DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
**(Art. XII, Chapter I, §1-4 “Town Planner”, “Zoning Official”,
“Property Maintenance Code Official” and “Building Official”)**

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?

Explanation

- If approved, Article XII of the Town Charter would be amended by deleting Section 12-4-1 through 4 eliminating the Department of Development Services. Several subsections of Article XII will be revised to bring the language into conformity with current state law as well as current Ordinances addressing periodic review of the town's zoning ordinances and zoning map. It will also rearrange sections of the article containing the description of the Town Planner and Zoning Official for better organization of the article and transfer the descriptions of the Property Maintenance Code Official and the Building Official to Chapter III of Article XIII.



22. TOWN CHARTER AMENDMENTS
(Art. XV, Chapter I, §1 “Amendment of Chapter”)

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?

- If approved, Section 15-1-1 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

“The Charter Commission’s proposed charter amendments shall be placed before the voters in a timely matter for their adoption or rejection. Nothing in this section shall prevent the Council from proposing additional amendments before the voters for consideration. In the event of opposing or contradictory questions the proposed amendment receiving the majority of votes shall prevail.”

Explanation

- This amendment requires that a Charter Commission's proposed charter amendments be placed before voters in a timely manner and allows the Town Council to propose additional amendments for voter consideration. In the event of contradictory questions, the proposed amendment receiving the majority of votes shall prevail.



23. PUBLICATION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS
(Art. XV, Chapter II, §2 “Procedure for Adoption of Ordinances”)

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?

- If approved, Section 15-2-2(b) of the Charter would be amended as follows:

“The Town Clerk shall publish in a daily newspaper having a general circulation in the Town, a copy of the proposed ordinance in the form required for final adoption setting out in full, for section or subsections to be repealed or amended, and shall indicate the matter to be omitted by enclosing in bracket, or by strike out type and shall indicate new matter by underscoring or by italics, which said publication shall contain a notice setting out the time and place for a Public Hearing thereon and for its consideration by the Council. The Public Hearing shall be at least seven (7) days after the publication and may be held separately or in conjunction with a regular or special Council meeting and may be adjourned from time to time.”

Explanation

- This amendment would eliminate publishing a summary of the proposed changes to an ordinance and would require the publication of a proposed ordinance amendment in the form required for final adoption of the ordinance in an edited format to highlight proposed amendments to the ordinance.

**Fiscal Impact Analysis
Public Notice Cost**

2023-2024 Total Cost	\$11,052.66
Proposed Cost	\$85,000.00
Proposed Cost Difference	\$73,947.34

- If approved, this ordinance change will have the following fiscal impact per \$1,000 of assessed property value:

General Fund Total Cost	Estimated Tax Rate Increase Per \$1,000
\$85,000.00	\$0.02

ESTIMATED TAX RATE CHANGES BY HOME VALUE

Home Values	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00
2024-2025 Tax	\$ 3,402.00	\$ 4,860.00	\$ 7,290.00	\$ 9,720.00
Proposed ordinance	\$ 3,409.00	\$ 4,870.00	\$ 7,305.00	\$ 9,740.00
Tax Increase for Ordinance change	\$ 7.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 20.00



**24. TOWN OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY
(Art. XV, Chapter II, §3 "Actions Requiring an Ordinance")**

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?

- If approved, Section 15-2-3 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

“Any new Office, Department or Agency shall not be created in the budget ordinance.”

Explanation

- This amendment would prohibit the creation of a new office, department or agency in the budget ordinance but may be created in any other ordinance.



25. SCHOOL COMMITTEE SALARIES
(Art. XI, Chapter I, §4 “No Personal Benefit”)

Shall the Charter be amended to allow the members of the School Committee to receive an annual stipend?

- If approved, Article XI of the Town Charter would be amended as follows:

“11-1-4 Salaries.

The School Committee may determine the annual salaries of School Committee members during the annual budget process, but no increase in such salary shall become effective until the date of commencement of the terms of School Committee members elected at the next regular election, provided that such election follows the adoption of such budget by at least six months. School Committee members shall receive their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties of office.”

Explanation

- This amendment would provide for annual salaries of School Committee members.



If any Westerly resident has a question on one or more of the above,
please call the Town Manager's Office at (401) 348-2530
or email the Town Manager at slacey@westerlyri.gov



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