



**EARLY / ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
EAST LONGMEADOW, MASSACHUSETTS
JUNE 8, 2021**

James R. Daugherty
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name and address on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

TOWN COUNCIL		SCHOOL COMMITTEE	
THREE YEARS	VOTE FOR TWO	THREE YEARS	VOTE FOR ONE
CASSANDRA S. CERASUOLO 15 Melwood Avenue	<input type="radio"/>	SARAH A. TRUOILO 21 Oxford Lane	<input type="radio"/> Candidate for Re-Election
CONNOR JAMES O'SHEA 20 Tanglewood Drive	<input type="radio"/>	AIMEE LYNN DALENTA 116 Tanglewood Drive	<input type="radio"/>
THOMAS C. O'CONNOR 3 Orange Street	<input type="radio"/> Candidate for Re-Election	(Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>
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CHARTER AMENDMENT BALLOT QUESTIONS

QUESTION 1: Shall this Town approve the format changes in the Charter, proposed by the Town Council, as summarized below?

SUMMARIES:

All sections throughout the Charter shall be entitled with the article number followed by the section number. For example, Article 1, Section 1 shall be labeled Section 1-1. Incorporation.

Any mention of amendments and their dates in sections shall be deleted, and placed in an index at the end of the Charter.

Any reference to "Clerk of the Town Council" shall be changed to "Clerk of the Council".

"Charter" and "Town" shall be capitalized throughout the Charter.

Any number that was spelled shall be converted to numeric format. For example, "seven" shall be "7".

The words "Clerk" in the phrase "Clerk of the Council" and "Secretary" in the phrase "Secretary of the School Committee" shall be capitalized.

YES

NO

QUESTION 2: Shall this Town approve the Charter amendments in Article 1: Incorporation; Short Title; Definitions, in the Charter, proposed by the Town Council, as summarized below?

SUMMARY:

In Article 1, Section 7, Definitions, there shall be the addition of the word "codification"; additional language in the definitions of "general laws", "Referendum Measure", and "Town Bulletin Boards"; and revised language in the definition of "Supermajority".

YES

NO

QUESTION 3: Shall this Town approve the Charter amendments in Article 2: Town Council, in the Charter, proposed by the Town Council, as summarized below?

SUMMARIES:

In Article 2, Section 3, President, Vice President, and Clerk, there shall be revised language relative to the annual reorganization of the Town Council, appointment of Town Council members to Council committees, and duties of the Clerk of the Council.

In Article 2, Section 4, Council Procedures, there shall be revised formatted language relative to Open Meeting Law, and revised language relative to permission given for Public Comments at Town Council meetings and the timing of publishing approved minutes of Town Council meetings.

In Article 2, Section 5, General Powers and Duties, there shall be revised language relative to the Town Council's appointment of ad hoc committees, and the word "local" shall be inserted before "licensing authority" when referring to the Town Council.

In Article 2, Section 6, Town Bylaws, there shall be additional language relative to publishing public hearings for new bylaws, and the additional language that a supermajority of the Council may be necessary for the passing of certain zoning bylaws or amendments to the zoning map. There is also additional language relative to the codification of town bylaws and related legislation commenced by the Town Council before December 31, 2021.

In Article 2, Section 8, Vacancy, there shall be additional language relative to publishing Town Council vacancies in a local publication and on the Town website.

In Article 2, Section 9, Access to Information, there shall be additional language relative to any inquiries of the affairs of the Town made by the Town Council, and shall include direction as outlined in the following paragraphs of that Section for: Town Officials, Members of Town Agencies, Employees; Town Manager; and Notice.

In Article 2, Section 10, Prohibitions, there shall be three minor grammatical corrections.

YES

NO

**VOTING IN ALL FOUR PRECINCTS
AT BIRCHLAND PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL
VOTING HOURS
7:00 AM TO 8:00 PM**

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

QUESTION 4: Shall this Town approve the Charter amendments in Article 3: Town Manager, in the Charter, proposed by the Town Council, as summarized below?

SUMMARIES:

In Article 3, Section 1, Appointment and Qualifications, the period of time a Town Manager shall establish residence within the Town shall be 12 months, instead of 6 months (unless the Town Council shall extend such time or waive the residency requirement).

In Article 3, Section 2, Powers and Duties, there shall be additional language relative to having Town Manager appointments advertised once and interviews conducted, and the timing of the Town Manager's presentation of such appointments and/or personnel management plan to the Town Council. There shall be additional language regarding the Town Manager's ability to fix stipends and compensation of Town employees, and the approval of Town Council for any said stipends, and/or compensation, that exceed 10 percent in any fiscal year.

In Article 3, Section 3, Acting Town Manager; the term for the appointment of an Acting Town Manager shall be changed from "not to exceed 4 months" to "not to exceed 6 months"; and providing for 1 renewal, also shall be changed from "not to exceed an additional 4 months" to "not to exceed an additional 6 months".

YES

NO

QUESTION 5: Shall this Town approve the Charter amendments in Article 5: Administrative Organization, in the Charter, proposed by the Town Council, as summarized below?

SUMMARIES:

In Article 5, Section 1, Organization of Town Agencies, the words "may" shall be changed to "shall" relative to an organization or reorganization plan filed with the Town Council by the Town Manager, and provisions of the Town Charter for the purpose of this Section. There shall also be revised language relative to the Town Manager's submission of an organization or reorganization plan to the Town Council.

In Article 5, Section 4, Appointment of Board, Commission, and Committee Members, there shall be additional language stating that members of boards and commissions will be open to residents only; however, committee members will be open to residents and non-residents, with preference to residents. There also shall be additional language relative to the procedure of the Town Council's rejection of an appointee of the Town Manager.

YES

NO

QUESTION 6: Shall this Town approve the Charter amendments in Article 6: Financial and Fiscal Procedures, in the Charter, proposed by the Town Council, as summarized below?

SUMMARIES:

In Article 6, Section 1, Annual Budget Process, there shall be additional language stating that the Town Manager consult with the Town Council relative to budget preparation. Also, the word "agencies" shall be replaced with "departments".

In Article 6, Section 3, Capital Improvement Program, the word "program" shall be replaced with "plan".

YES

NO

QUESTION 7: Shall this Town approve the Charter amendments in Article 8: Citizen Relief Mechanisms, in the Charter, proposed by the Town Council, as summarized below?

SUMMARY:

In Article 8, Section 1, General Conditions, there shall be revised language stating that the petition include the printed name and complete address of the signer, in addition to the signature.

YES

NO

QUESTION 8: Shall this Town approve the Charter amendments in Article 10: Transition Provisions, in the Charter, proposed by the Town Council, as summarized below?

SUMMARIES:

After the heading of this Article, there shall be words added to read "Retained for historical purposes".

In Article 10, Section 2, Bylaw Review, there shall be words added at the end of the Section to read "The recommendations were accepted and approved on August 8, 2017."

In Article 10, Section 6, Time of Taking Effect, there shall be words added at the end of the Section to read "The voters of the Town adopted the Charter on April 12, 2016."

YES

NO

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING.

VOTE BOTH SIDES OF BALLOT

