



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF EAST LONGMEADOW
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

COUNTY OF HAMPDEN:

To the constables of the Town of East Longmeadow, Greetings:

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of East Longmeadow who are qualified to vote in Elections, to meet at Birchland Park Middle School in said Town, namely: **Precinct 1, Precinct 2, Precinct 3, and Precinct 4**

On Tuesday, June 8, 2021, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. to cast their votes in the Annual Town Election for the following offices:

Two Town Council Members for three years
One School Committee Members for three years

CHARTER AMENDMENT BALLOT QUESTIONS

(1) Shall this Town approve the formatting changes in the Charter, proposed by the Town Council, as summarized below?

YES
NO

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" is now "7".

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

(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?

YES
NO

SUMMARY:

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

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

YES
NO

SUMMARIES:

In Article 2, Section 3; President, Vice President, and Clerk, there is 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.

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In Article 2, Section 4; Council Procedures, there is revised formatting language relative to Open Meeting Law; and revised language relative to permission 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 is revised language relative to the Town Council's appointment of ad hoc committees, and the word "local" inserted before "licensing authority" when referring to the Town Council.

In Article 2, Section 6; Town Bylaws, there is 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 is 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 is additional language relative to any inquiries of the affairs of the Town made by the Town Council, to include guidelines as outlined in the following paragraphs of that Section for: Town Officials, Member of Town Agencies, Employees; Town Manager; and Notice.

In Article 2, Section 10; Prohibitions, there are three minor grammatical corrections.

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

YES
NO

SUMMARIES:

In Article 3, Section 1; Appointment and Qualifications, the time a Town Manager shall establish residents 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 is additional language relative to having Town Manager appointments be 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; Town Manager; the term for the appointment of an Acting Town Manager, not to exceed 4 months, shall be changed 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.

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

YES
NO

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 the Section. There is also 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 is 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 is also additional language relative to the rejection of an appointee of the Town Manager.

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(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?

YES
NO

SUMMARIES:

In Article 6, Section 1, Annual Budget Process, there is 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”.

(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?

YES
NO

SUMMARY:

In Article 8, Section 1, General Conditions, there is revised language that petitions stating that the signature of any name also included the printed name and complete address of the signer.

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

YES
NO

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.”

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Hereof and Fail not and make return of this warrant to the Town Clerk.

Given under our hands this 22nd day of May, 2021.



Michael J. Kane, President



Thomas C. O'Connor, Vice President



Kathleen G. Hill



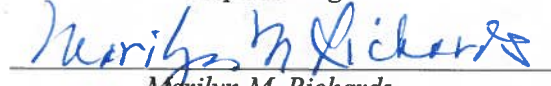
Donald J. Anderson



Ralph E. Page



R. Patrick Henry, Jr.



Marilyn M. Richards

Town Council of: EAST LONGMEADOW

TOWN HALL, POST OFFICE, LIBRARY, COUNCIL ON AGING

May 22, 2021

Jeanne R. Quaglietti, TOWN CLERK

Warrant must be posted by **May 25, 2021** (at least *seven days* prior to the **June 8, 2021** Annual Town Election).

THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.