

ORLEANS CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

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CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE UPDATE

- ❑ Sixteen Charter Amendment Articles were approved at the 2022 May Annual and October Special Town Meetings by a two-thirds majority and have been accepted by the Attorney General's Office.
- ❑ *All sixteen will be on the 2023 May 16 Election Ballot for the simple majority vote needed to put them into effect.*



PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, MAY 16



CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

Three Final Articles To Consider

- Clarify how members of the Community Preservation Committee are appointed
- Delete Town Clerk residency requirement, update one position title, and add two other omitted positions
- Add a third elected Constable

DRAFT ARTICLE A 6-11-1

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

6-11-1 A Community Preservation Committee of nine members ~~serving three-year overlapping terms~~ shall be appointed as follows: three members by the Select Board, serving three-year overlapping terms; one member ~~by~~ of the Park Commissioners as designated annually by the Park Commissioners; one member ~~by~~ of the Planning Board as designated annually by the Planning Board; one member ~~by~~ of the Conservation Commission as designated annually by the Conservation Commission; one member ~~by~~ of the Historical Commission as designated annually by the Historical Commission; one member ~~by~~ of the Housing Authority as designated annually by the Housing Authority; and one member ~~by~~ of the Open Space Committee as designated annually by the Open Space Committee.

DRAFT ARTICLE A – 6-11-1 RATIONALE

Community Preservation Committee

❑ RATIONALE: *This amendment cleans up and updates existing language to make this section more consistent with the bylaw enacted when the Town accepted General Law Chapter 44B, §§ 3 through 7 at Town Meeting and the subsequent Ballot to establish the Community Preservation Committee in 2001.*

DRAFT ARTICLE B 4-4-1

Responsibility for Appointments

4-4-1 Subject to the approval of the Select Board, the Town Manager shall appoint and, on the basis of merit and fitness alone, and except as otherwise is provided by general law, Charter, or personnel By-laws, may suspend or remove: a Town Clerk, ~~who need not be a Town resident~~; a ~~Town Collector-Treasurer~~ **Treasurer/Collector**; a full-time professional Assessor who shall not be a member of the Board of Assessors; **a Director of Planning and Community Development**; **a Conservation Agent who shall not be a member of the Conservation Commission**; and a Director of Public Works and Natural Resources. The Town Manager may also appoint other positions, subject to the availability of funds.

DRAFT ARTICLE B – 4-4-1 Rationale

Update Language

- ❑ ***RATIONALE: This amendment would delete the requirement for the Town Clerk to be a resident since, due to a Special Act passed by the State Legislature, the requirement is no longer needed. It would also update the title of one position and insert two existing omitted positions from the current version of the Charter.***

DRAFT ARTICLE C 5-10-1

Change Number of Town Constables

5-10-1 There shall be ~~two~~ three Town Constables. Constables shall be elected to terms of three years.

***Rationale:** This amendment will provide a third Town Constable to be available, when needed, to spread the workload and ensure that there can be two Constables present at the Town's Elections at any given time.*