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**TOWN OF ORLEANS
CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE
DRAFT ARTICLES for PUBLIC HEARING
Monday, February 27, 2022
5:30 pm**

DRAFT ARTICLE A:

6-11-1: A Community Preservation Committee of nine members ~~servng three-year overlapping terms~~ shall be appointed as follows: three members by the Select Board, servng 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.

RATIONALE: *The 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: 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/Town 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.

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 positions omitted from the current version of the Charter.*

DRAFT ARTICLE C:

5-10-1: There shall be ~~two~~ three 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 to ensure that there can be two Constables present at the Town's Elections at any given time.*