

EXPLANATORY TEXT

Two questions on the ballot pertain to the Newtown Charter. The two questions are independent and the outcome on one does not impact the outcome of the other. Each question can pass even if the other fails.

1. QUESTION NO# 1: Shall the Charter be amended to provide that Section 2-125, subsections (a) & (b) “Board of Finance”, be deleted from the Charter as an advisory body, and all powers thereof to be vested in the Legislative Council. Further, that all references to the Board of Finance, including the powers and duties thereof, be deleted in their entirety?

Yes _____ No _____

EXPLANATION: Approval of Question #1 will eliminate the Board of Finance from the Charter as an advisory body. All powers of the Board of Finance would thereafter be vested in the Legislative Council. Any reference to the Board of Finance will also be eliminated.

2. QUESTION NO# 2: Shall the remaining Charter Amendments adopted by the Legislative Council on July 20, 2022 be approved notwithstanding the results of Question No. 1 above?

Yes _____ No _____

EXPLANATION: Approval of Question #2 accepts the rest of the proposed changes in their entirety, comprised of organizational, non-substantive, and substantive changes made to the document including but not limited to:

- a) Section 1-25(a)(7). This provision redefines the term “Town Department” as the term applies to the Board of Education by exempting the Board of Education from certain duties and functions of Town Bodies which would violate other provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes applicable to the Board of Education.
- b) Section 2-01(c). The Connecticut General Statutes shall prevail over the provisions of Section 2-01(c), which allows Town Bodies to make their own rules of conduct.
- c) Section 2-05(d)6 eliminates the Building Appeals Board from the Charter as does Section 2-15(d).
- d) Section 2-25(a) excuses members of a Town Body from voting on the Minutes of a previous meeting at which they were not in attendance.
- e) Section 2-31(c)(1-5) describes the procedure for filling vacancies on the Board of Education.

- f) Section 2-135(a) states Town Clerk shall also be the Registrar of Vital Statistics.
- g) Section 2-160(a) states Board of Police Commissioners shall also act as the Civilian Police Review Board.
- h) Section 2-210 eliminates the Building Appeals Board.
- i) Section 3-15(e) describes the election process for the Board of Education.
- j) Section 6-20 delineates the duties of the Legislative Council relative to the Budget.
- k) Section 6-20(f)(2) defines the process subsequent to a failed annual budget referendum.
- l) Section 6-35(b) & (d) revises the requests for emergency appropriations.
- m) Section 6-35(g) modifies the procedure for emergency and special appropriations.