



The Charter Revision Commission has finished its work and submitted a proposed Charter revision to the Board of Selectmen. On August 19th, the BOS accepted the revisions as presented. The next step is to present the revised Charter to you, the voters. Watch for the ballot question at the November 3rd election!

Go to the Town's website (www.townofcantonct.org) for complete copies of the 'clean' and 'marked-up' versions of the Charter Revision

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Article II – The Town

The legislative body of the Town shall change from the Town Meeting to a combination of the Town Meeting and the Board of Selectmen.

Article III – Town Meeting

The Annual Budget Meeting will require the presence of 150 Voters in order to constitute a quorum. If 150 Voters are not present, the Annual Budget shall go to an automatic referendum.

Article IV – Ordinances

The Town Meeting and the Board of Selectmen shall each have the power to enacted, amended or repeal Ordinances.

Article V – First Selectman

In the event that severe or widespread conditions arise which may affect the general health, safety or welfare of the townspeople or property and which make it advisable to take immediate action, the First Selectman shall be empowered to declare a temporary state of emergency. This addition is consistent with the Connecticut General Statutes.

Article VI – Board of Selectmen

The Board of Selectmen term of office shall change from two to four years.

Article VII – Chief Administrative Officer

The Chief Administrative Officer shall be responsible for all properties owned by the Town and the public works operations including (1) highway and bridge work; and (2) administration, operation, maintenance or custodial work, and improvements for any public building and grounds, park, playground and land except those which, pursuant to agreement among the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance and Board of Education, are under the jurisdiction and responsibility of the Board of Education.

Article IX – Elected Agencies

A Capital Improvement Fund which consists of recommendations for capital expenditures by both the Board of Selectmen and Board of Education will be added to the Board of Finance section of the Annual Budget. The Board of Finance shall have the power to increase or decrease the amount of funding for the Capital Improvement Fund but not the selection of the projects that have been recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education for inclusion in the Capital Improvement Fund.