

TOWN OF WESTERLY

Information For Voters

General Election
November 8, 2016



2016

Local Ballot
Questions

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Dear Westerly Resident,

This informational pamphlet is being mailed to every residence in order to assist voters in making informed decisions on local ballot questions concerning the Town of Westerly at the November 8, 2016 General Election.

Included in this pamphlet are explanations for the several local ballot questions, election information, voting locations, a sample ballot, a voter registration form, and mail ballot applications.

Please take the time to read through each of the proposed ballot questions to have a better understanding of the school redesign bond question and how your vote will affect changes to the Town's Charter.

For more information on the proposed Charter revisions, please visit the Town website at www.westerlyri.gov and click on, "Charter Revision," on the bottom left.

Thank you for your attention to this important responsibility.

Vote on November 8, 2016

Deadline to register to vote and change information

- October 9, 2016
- New registrations received after October 9, 2016 – eligible to vote for President/Vice President ONLY at Town Hall on November 8, 2016

Register and update Voter Registration Information

- Online at vote.ri.gov
- By mail - Complete and return the Voter Registration form found on page 45 to the Board of Canvassers, 45 Broad Street, Westerly RI 02891. Contact the Board of Canvassers at brayman@westerly.org or 348-2503 for additional forms.
- In person at 45 Broad Street, Westerly RI

Check your voter status

- vote.ri.gov



ANYONE Can Vote from HOME

- Complete and return one of the Mail Ballot Applications found on pages 46 through 49 to Board of Canvassers, 45 Broad Street, Westerly RI 02891 by October 18, 2016. As a convenience, voters may place the application in an envelope marked "Board of Canvassers" and deposit it in the tax and utility payment mailbox in the parking lot outside Town Hall.
- Contact the Board of Canvassers at brayman@westerly.org, call 348-2503, or visit www.westerlyri.gov for additional forms

To Vote from HOME after October 18th

Apply for a ballot to vote at home or at the Board of Canvassers Office, 45 Broad Street, Westerly

- October 19th through November 4th, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, November 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Monday, November 7th 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Contact the Board of Canvassers at brayman@westerly.org or 348-2503 for special accommodations

Be prepared - bring a completed sample ballot with you to the polls

Sample ballots may be found on pages 38 through 41

**TOWN OF WESTERLY
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REDESIGN & CHARTER REVISION REFERENDUM
INFORMATIONAL PAMPHLET**

QUESTION # 8

“Shall an Act, passed at the 2016 session of the General Assembly, entitled, ‘An Act authorizing the Town of Westerly to issue general obligation bonds and notes in an amount not to exceed thirty-eight million five hundred thousand (\$38,500,000) for the purpose of financing in the construction, renovation, rehabilitation, repair, improvements, furnishing and equipping of and/or additions to schools and school facilities in the Town’ be approved?”

RESULT OF VOTE:

If you vote, “Approve,” you are voting to:

- Issue debt in the amount of \$38.5 million to fund the redesign and construction of improvements to Bradford, Springbrook, and Dunn’s Corners elementary schools in Town.

If you vote, “Reject,” you are voting to:

- Not allow the Town to issue debt to finance the redesign and construction of improvements to Bradford, Springbrook, and Dunn’s Corners elementary schools in Town.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

If approved, this debt, alone, would have a fiscal impact of \$0.09 in the lowest years to \$0.30 in the highest years per \$1,000 of real estate market value over the 20 years of this bond.

The bond would be for \$38.5 million. The interest on the debt will be roughly \$27.7 million. State aid will be roughly \$23.2 million. The total cost to the taxpayers would be \$43 million spread over 30 years.

All else being equal, the additional debt service of this bond will not increase taxes, as the Town’s debt service is not projected to increase greater than its current-year debt service. The reasoning for this is that, over time, existing debt will continue to be paid off.

QUESTION # 9
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION QUESTION

“Shall section 2-1-1 of the Charter be amended to alter Town Councilor terms of office from two (2) year terms to four (4) year, staggered terms?”

CURRENT CHARTER LANGUAGE:

“The Council shall consist of seven members elected in the manner provided in Article V, Chapter I, of this Charter, to serve for a term of two years and thereafter until their successors are elected and qualified. They shall be elected at large.”

RESULT OF VOTE:

If you vote, “Approve,” you are voting to:

- Change the length of time that a resident will serve for a single term on the town council from two years to four years.
- Instead of voting for a councilor every two years, you will now vote for council members every four years.
- Eliminate the ability to change the entire membership of the town council every two years.
- Vote for half of the town council every two years (4 members) and the other half after two more years (3 members).

If you vote, “Reject,” you are voting to:

- Keep the election of town council members to every two years.
- Keep the ability to change the entire town council every two years.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

QUESTION # 10
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION QUESTION

“Shall section 2-1-1 of the Charter be amended to impose term limits for Town Councilors to no more than two (2) consecutive terms with the Council electing a president every two (2) years?”

CURRENT CHARTER LANGUAGE:

“The Council shall consist of seven members elected in the manner provided in Article V, Chapter I, of this Charter, to serve for a term of two years and thereafter until their successors are elected and qualified. They shall be elected at large.”

RESULT OF VOTE:

If you vote, “Approve,” you are voting to:

- Restrict elected Councilors from serving more than two consecutive terms
- If Question #9 passes, the Council president would be elected twice in a term
- If Question #9 fails, the Council president would be elected once a term

If you vote, “Reject,” you are voting to:

- Current charter language would remain
- Allow councilors to serve as many terms as they are elected
- Not restrict or regulate the number of times a council president may be selected

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

QUESTION # 11
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION QUESTION

“Shall the Charter be amended to include a provision limiting Planning Board and Zoning Board of Review members to serve no more than two (2) consecutive five (5) year terms?”

CURRENT CHARTER LANGUAGE:

There is no current language in the Charter regarding this provision. However, the Code of Ordinances §5-19 (A) states that Planning Board members, “shall be appointed by the Town Council for five-year terms,” and (E), “No member of the Planning Board shall serve more than two consecutive terms, to be followed by a one-year hiatus, after which the member may be appointed to this Board or another appointed Board.”

Further, the Charter contains no language on the Zoning Board of Review. However, the Code of Ordinances §260-24(A)(2)(a) states, “The Zoning Board of Review shall be appointed by the Town Council and shall consist of five members, each to hold office for the term of five years,” and (b), “No member of the Zoning Board of Review shall serve more than two consecutive terms, to be followed by a one-year hiatus, after which the member may be appointed to this Board or another appointed Board.”

RESULT OF VOTE:

If you vote, “Approve,” you are voting to:

- Add language to the Charter that would reiterate what is stated in the Code of Ordinances.

If you vote, “Reject,” you are voting to:

- Keep the Charter silent on Planning and Zoning Board member terms and continue to reference the Code of Ordinances, as stated above.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

QUESTION # 12
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION QUESTION

“Shall section 11-1-1 of the Charter be amended to limit the office of School Committee members to two (2) consecutive four (4) year terms?”

CURRENT CHARTER LANGUAGE:

“The School Committee shall consist of seven members elected at large to serve a term of four years and until each one's successor is elected and qualified. ... All members of the School Committee in office shall continue in said positions until the expiration of the terms for which they were elected.”

RESULT OF VOTE:

If you vote, “Approve,” you are voting to:

- Limit the number of times an elected school committee member can be consecutively elected.

If you vote, “Reject,” you are voting to:

- Continue to allow elected school committee members to serve as many consecutive terms as they are elected to.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

QUESTION # 13
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION QUESTION

“Shall the Charter be amended to include a recall provision to remove an elected official from office, so long as the recall is not initiated during the first four (4) months or the last eight (8) months of the term of the incumbent?”

CURRENT CHARTER LANGUAGE:

There is no current Charter language regarding this issue.

RESULT OF VOTE:

If you vote, “Approve,” you are voting to:

- Establishing language in the Charter that would allow the residents to recall, or remove, from elected office any official.
- Allow for the removal of an elected official by a recall vote of the residents at a special election, but only after the elected official has been in office at least four (4) months
- Allow for the removal of an elected official by a recall vote of the residents at a special election, but not within eight (8) months of the next election.

If you vote, “Reject,” you are voting to:

- Not add any language to the Charter that allows for elected officials to be removed from their office by a vote of the electorate at a special election.
- Allow the electorate to vote for or against candidates at regularly-scheduled municipal election.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The typical cost of an election, special or otherwise, is \$7,000. This cost is inclusive of the setting of polling stations, mandated notices, payment of election officials, and other associated costs. If there were more than one recall election in a given year, that amount would multiply by the cost of holding an election

QUESTION # 14
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION QUESTION

“Shall the Charter be amended to include a provision that bars any person who has been recalled or resigned while recall proceedings were initiated from holding elected or appointed office or being employed by the Town within two (2) years of such recall or resignation?”

CURRENT CHARTER LANGUAGE:

There is no current Charter language regarding this issue.

RESULT OF VOTE:

If you vote, “Approve,” you are voting to:

- Working with Question #13, allow for a recall provision in the Charter
- Not allow officials, elected or appointed, who have been recalled from their elected or appointed office, from being re-elected, re-appointed, or hired by the Town within two (2) years of the recall.
- Not allow officials, elected or appointed, who have resigned from their elected or appointed office (during a recall proceeding), from being re-elected, re-appointed, or hired by the Town within two (2) years of their resignation.

If you vote, “Reject,” you are voting to:

- Not add any language to the Charter that would stipulate the hiring, appointing, or election of recalled officials (assuming Question #13 passes).

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

QUESTION # 15
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION QUESTION

“Shall the Charter be amended to include a voter initiative and referendum provision to allow Westerly citizens to petition the Council to enact or repeal certain ordinances and laws by 12% of the electorate?”

CURRENT CHARTER LANGUAGE:

There is no current Charter language regarding this issue.

RESULT OF VOTE:

If you vote, “Approve,” you are voting to:

- Allow residents the ability to put forward to the Town Council legislation to be acted on.
- Initiative would require 12% of the electorate to sign a petition for such legislation to be placed before the Town Council for action.
- Initiative would require that only one (1) issue be brought forward to the Town Council per petition.
- Allow a referendum for residents to vote on legislation put forth to Council via initiative that was voted down by or materially altered by the Council.

If you vote, “Reject,” you are voting to:

- Not add any language to the Charter that would allow for voter initiative.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The typical cost of an election, special or otherwise, is \$7,000. This cost is inclusive of the setting of polling stations, mandated notices, payment of election officials, and other associated costs. If there were more than one referendum in a given year, that amount would multiply by the cost of holding an election.

QUESTION # 16
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION QUESTION

“Shall the Charter be amended to mandate that the Council create by ordinance on or before July 1, 2017 a Code of Ethics applicable to all elected and appointed officials, and employees?”

CURRENT CHARTER LANGUAGE:

There is no current Charter language regarding this issue.

RESULT OF VOTE:

If you vote, “Approve,” you are voting to:

- Mandate that the Town Council create a stricter Code of Ethics than what is currently enforced.
- Apply the new code of ethics would to all elected and appointed officials and Town employees.

If you vote, “Reject,” you are voting to:

- Not add any language to the Charter.
- Use the current State Code of Ethics language that applies to elected and appointed officials, including Town employees.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There is a cost to advertising an ordinance in the local newspaper. Typical costs for such an ordinance would range in the \$1,000 to \$2,000, as has been the case with the advertising of the tax rolls and other budgetary notifications. The Town is estimating the cost of this ordinance to be \$1,500.

QUESTION # 17
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION QUESTION

“Shall Section 7-1-1 of the Charter be amended to preclude the Town Manager from serving as Director of Finance and to have the Director of Finance report to the Town Manager?”

CURRENT CHARTER LANGUAGE:

Section 7-1-1: “There shall be a Department of Finance, the head of which shall be the Director of Finance, who shall be the Town Manager or his designee.”

Section 4-1-2: Subject to the approval of the Council, [the Town Manager] may also exercise and perform the powers and duties of one or more administrative officers instead of appointing some other person or persons to such posts, but he shall not be entitled thereby to receive more than his compensation as Manager alone.

Section 4-1-2(c): [The Town Manager] shall direct and supervise the administration of all departments, offices, and agencies of the Town, except as otherwise provided by this Charter.

RESULT OF VOTE:

If you vote, “Approve,” you are voting to:

- Prohibit the Town Manager from acting as or serving as the Director of Finance, either temporarily or permanently.
- Add language in Section 7-1-1 that the Director of Finance reports to the Town Manager.

If you vote, “Reject,” you are voting to:

- Not add any language to the Charter.
- Agree to current Charter language that addresses the Town Manager serving as a department head(s).
- Agree to current Charter language that addresses the authority of the Town Manager over department heads.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The current monthly cost, including salary and benefits, for the finance director is \$11,800. Should the Town Manager be precluded from serving in this capacity, even temporarily, that would be the associated cost with assigning or hiring an interim director until a successor has been appointed.

The current, annual cost, including salary and benefits, for the finance director is \$142,000. This represents the current opportunity lost cost, should the Town preclude the Town Manager from acting as Finance Director, temporarily or permanently, in the future.

QUESTION # 18
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION QUESTION

“Shall Section 7-1-1 of the Charter be amended to empower the Director of Finance to integrate the Town’s municipal budget with the School Department budget in order to produce a unified, master budget to the Town Manager?”

CURRENT CHARTER LANGUAGE:

There is no current language in Section 7-1-1 regarding this process. However, there is language in Section 3-1-3, which states, “... The Town Manager shall review the estimates submitted [by each department] and may revise them as he may deem advisable, except that he may not make any revisions in the budget submitted by the School Committee but shall present that portion to the Board of Finance and to the Council as received from the School Committee.”

RESULT OF VOTE:

If you vote, “Approve,” you are voting to:

- Add language to Section 7-1-1 that requires the Director of Finance to integrate the Town and School budgets
- Add language to Section 7-1-1 that requires the Director of Finance to submit a budget to the Town Manager

If you vote, “Reject,” you are voting to:

- Not add any language to the Charter.
- Agree to current Charter language that states the Town Manager produces a unified budget to the Board of Finance and Town Council

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The combined Finance Department’s estimated hourly cost is \$100, inclusive of labor and materials. Depending on the size and complexity of producing a printed, unified master budget, the Town is estimated a combined effort of ten total hours to produce the document, for an estimated maximum cost of \$1,000.

QUESTION # 19
TOWN COUNCIL QUESTION

“Shall Section 7-1-1 of the Charter be amended to allow the Director of Finance to also serve as the Chief Financial Officer of the School Department?”

CURRENT CHARTER LANGUAGE:

“There shall be a Department of Finance, the head of which shall be the Director of Finance, who shall be the Town Manager or his designee. The Department shall be organized into as many divisions or offices consistent with the provisions of this Charter as may be deemed necessary by the Council on recommendation of the Town Manager. The Town Manager shall appoint the head of such divisions as may be created, except that the Chief Financial Officer of the School Department shall be appointed by the Superintendent of Schools. The Chief Financial Officer of the School Department shall provide all School Department financial information as requested by the Director of Finance of the Town.”

RESULT OF VOTE:

If you vote, “Approve,” you are voting to:

- Add language to Section 7-1-1 that clearly allows the Director of Finance to be that of both the Town and Schools.

If you vote, “Reject,” you are voting to:

- Current Charter language would remain.
- Not add any language to the Charter.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None. Currently, there is a single finance director that oversees the finances of both the Town and School Department.

QUESTION # 20
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION QUESTION

“Shall Section 7-1-2 of the Charter be amended to add the requirement that the Director of Finance hold a minimum of a bachelor’s degree in business, finance, or accounting?”

CURRENT CHARTER LANGUAGE:

“The Director of Finance shall have a knowledge of municipal accounting and taxation and shall have had experience in budgeting and financial control.”

RESULT OF VOTE:

If you vote, “Approve,” you are voting to:

- Add language to Section 7-1-2 that would stipulate the level of educational attainment required for the Director of Finance.

If you vote, “Reject,” you are voting to:

- Not add any language to the Charter.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Mandating specific levels of educational attainment carries different market rates for compensation. It is estimated that there is a \$5,000 difference between seven years of experience with no college degree and seven years of experience with a bachelor’s degree. The market would increase another \$5,000 between a bachelor’s degree and a master’s degree, with seven years experience. As compensation increases, so does the calculation of benefits, which typically amounts to an additional 27-30% from their base pay. Thus, adding an additional \$1,500 to \$3,000, depending on educational attainment and other factors.

QUESTION # 21
TOWN COUNCIL QUESTION

“Shall the Charter be amended to clarify that the Town Manager has the authority to determine eligibility requirements of all municipal employees, including Director of Finance?”

CURRENT CHARTER LANGUAGE:

There is no specific, current language in the Charter that dictates the eligibility requirements of municipal employees. That said, the following sections of the current Charter prevail:

4-1-2, “The Manager shall be the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town.”

4-1-2(a), “He shall appoint and, when necessary for the good of the Town, suspend or remove all Town employees and appointive administrative officers provided for by or under this Charter, except as otherwise provided by law or by this Charter.”

RESULT OF VOTE:

If you vote, “Approve,” you are voting to:

- Add language to Section 4-1-2 that would state the Town Manager has the authority to determine job eligibility requirements for all municipal employees.

If you vote, “Reject,” you are voting to:

- Current Charter language would remain.
- Not add any language to the Charter.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

QUESTION # 22
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION QUESTION

“Shall Section 7-1-3 of the Charter pertaining to the Council’s setting of the salary of the Director of Finance be eliminated?”

CURRENT CHARTER LANGUAGE:

“The Director of Finance shall receive such annual salary as may be set by a vote of the Council.”

RESULT OF VOTE:

If you vote, “Approve,” you are voting to:

- Eliminate the current charter language (above).
- Allow the Town Manager, through the budget process, to set the salary of the Director of Finance.

If you vote, “Reject,” you are voting to:

- Keep the current language in the Charter that allows the Council to set the salary of the Director of Finance.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

QUESTION # 23
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION QUESTION

“Shall Section 7-1-4 of the Charter be amended to permit the Director of Finance to appoint and remove a Purchasing Agent, appoint and remove a Tax Collector, consolidate positions, and perform any other duties under the Department of Finance except that of Tax Collector?”

CURRENT CHARTER LANGUAGE:

There is no specific, current language in the Charter that allows the Director of Finance to appoint or remove subordinate positions. The following sections of the Charter currently read:

4-1-2, “The Manager shall be the Chief Administrative Officer of the Town.”

4-1-2(a), “He shall appoint and, when necessary for the good of the Town, suspend or remove all Town employees and appointive administrative officers provided for by or under this Charter, except as otherwise provided by law or by this Charter.”

RESULT OF VOTE:

If you vote, “Approve,” you are voting to:

- Add language to the Charter granting authority to the Director of Finance appointment and removal authority over their subordinates, without prior approval by the Town Manager
- If Question #24 is approved and this question is approved with a greater number of votes than Question #24, the Charter will be amended to allow for the Director of Finance to appoint and remove employees under their purview.

If you vote, “Reject,” you are voting to:

- Keep the current language in the Charter that provides appointment and removal authority to the Town Manager, or their designee.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Currently, the Town Manager or their designee is the only authority that has the ability to hire and fire Town employees. If this responsibility were given to a department head, without the current approval process through the Town Manager, it would carry an associated cost (salary increase). The increase in responsibilities would justify the increase in salary. The Town is estimating this increase to be about \$2,500.

QUESTION # 24
TOWN COUNCIL QUESTION

“Shall the Charter be amended to clarify that only the Town Manager has authority to hire or terminate Town employees, including any employee of the Department of Finance?”

CURRENT CHARTER LANGUAGE:

The current Town Charter §4-1-2(a), states, “[The Town Manager] shall appoint and, when necessary for the good of the Town, suspend or remove all Town employees and appointive administrative officers provided for by or under this Charter, except as otherwise provided by law or by this Charter. He may authorize any administrative officer who is subject to his direction and supervision to exercise these powers with respect to subordinates of that officer.”

RESULT OF VOTE:

If you vote, “Approve,” you are voting to:

- Keep the current language in the Charter, as noted above.
- Amend that language to reinforce that the Town Manager also has authority over employees of the Department of Finance.
- If Question #23 is approved and this question is approved with a greater number of votes than Question #23, the current language in the Charter remains and authority to hire and fire remains solely in the purview of the Town Manager.

If you vote, “Reject,” you are voting to:

- If Question #23 is approved, the Director of Finance would have appointment and removal authority over their staff, outside of the purview of the Town Manager.
- If Question #23 is rejected and this question is rejected, then current language in the Charter remains and authority to hire and fire remains solely in the purview of the Town Manager.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None

QUESTION # 25

CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION QUESTION

“Shall Section 7-1-4 of the Charter be amended to impose and include additional duties and responsibilities attendant to the operations of the Department of Finance?”

REVISIONS TO CURRENT CHARTER LANGUAGE

The Charter Revision Commission is recommending the deletion of language from 7-1-4(c), as noted:

“Keep separate accounts for the various departments, ~~including the Westerly School Department,~~ offices and divisions for which a separate allocation is made in the Town budget, each of which accounts shall show the amount of funds appropriated, the amounts paid therefrom, the unpaid obligations against it, and the unencumbered balance.”

And the addition of new 7-1-4(d) language, which reads:

“notwithstanding the foregoing, both the Town Council and the School Committee shall at all times remain in control of their respective budgets. Additionally, in no way shall the Department of Finance or any provision of this Charter be deemed to abrogate the ability of the Town Council or the School Committee to maintain separate administrative oversight of its respective budget.”

RESULT OF VOTE:

If you vote, “Approve,” you are voting to:

- Eliminate language that specifies the Westerly School Department shall have a separate account in the Town Budget
- Add language that makes it clear that the Town Council and School Committee must maintain control over their respective budgets.
- Add language that specifies that neither the Charter nor Finance Department has lost the ability of the Town or School Committee to have separate oversight of their respective budgets.

If you vote, “Reject,” you are voting to:

- Keep the current language in the Charter that would allow for a separate account line in the Town Budget for the School budget
- Maintain that the Town Council and School Committee have control over their respective budgets.
- Maintain that the Town Council and School Committee are, by law, the only bodies that have oversight of their respective budgets

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

QUESTION # 26
TOWN COUNCIL QUESTION

“Shall Section 7-1-4 of the Charter be amended to state that additional duties and responsibilities attendant to the operations of the finance department be left to the discretion of the Town Manager?”

CURRENT CHARTER LANGUAGE:

Section 4-1-2(c) of the Charter currently states that, “[The Town Manager] shall direct and supervise the administration of all departments, offices and agencies of the Town, except as otherwise provided by this Charter.

RESULT OF VOTE:

If you vote, “Approve,” you are voting to:

- Maintain current language in the Charter to the administrative responsibilities of the Town Manager over departments and employees
- Maintain current language in the Charter to the outlined responsibilities of the Office of the Finance Director

If you vote, “Reject,” you are voting to:

- If Question #25 is approved and this question is rejected, there will be no changes to the operations of the Town, the budget process, or the duties of the Office of the Finance Director.
- Keep the current practice that any additional duties or responsibilities may be assigned to Town employees at the discretion of the Town Manager

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

QUESTION # 27
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION QUESTION

“Shall the Charter be amended to include a provision that requires the Town to adopt cost accounting and double-entry accrual accounting principles for the handling of enterprise funds?”

CURRENT CHARTER LANGUAGE:

There is no current language in the Charter that dictates the accounting practices for the Town.

RESULT OF VOTE:

If you vote, “Approve,” you are voting to:

- Specify in the Charter the accounting principles for the Town for the handling of enterprise funds.

If you vote, “Reject,” you are voting to:

- Not add specific language to the Charter to specify the accounting principles for the Town with regards to the handling of enterprise funds.
- Understand that the Town currently employs cost accounting and double-entry accrual accounting for enterprise funds.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

QUESTION # 28
TOWN COUNCIL QUESTION

“Shall the Charter be amended requiring the Town to adopt those bookkeeping and accounting principles for the handling of enterprise funds that are in compliance with generally accepting accounting and auditing standards?”

CURRENT CHARTER LANGUAGE:

There is no current language in the Charter that dictates the accounting practices for the Town.

RESULT OF VOTE:

If you vote, “Approve,” you are voting to:

- Add language to the Charter that would place general guidelines for bookkeeping and accounting with regards to the handling of enterprise funds.

If you vote, “Reject,” you are voting to:

- Not add general language to the Charter with regards to the accounting principles for the Town’s enterprise funds.
- Understand that the Town currently employs generally accepted accounting principles for the handling of enterprise funds.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

QUESTION # 29
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION QUESTION

“Shall Section 11-1-7 of the Charter be amended to submit the presentations of the proposed annual school department budget in the format requested by the Board of Finance?”

CURRENT CHARTER LANGUAGE:

Section 3-1-3 of the Charter currently reads:

“In preparing the proposed budget, the Town Manager shall review the estimates submitted and may revise them as he may deem advisable, except that he may not make any revisions in the budget submitted by the School Committee but shall present that portion to the Board of Finance and to the Council, as received from the School Committee.”

Section 11-1-7 of the Charter currently reads:

“The School Committee shall submit detailed proposed budget estimates of receipts and expenditures, including line item comparison to the prior year's actual and budgeted amounts as well as actual amounts for the two years prior to the previous year, to the Town Manager on or before the first Monday of February of each year. The allocations of the amounts appropriated shall be determined by the School Committee and be prepared consistent with a Uniform Chart of Accounts ("UCOA") as promulgated by the Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education ("RIDE").”

RESULT OF VOTE:

If you vote, “Approve,” you are voting to:

- Add language to the Charter that dictates the format of the school budget by the Board of Finance to be submitted to the Finance Director.
- Remove language that directs the School Committee to submit the school budget to the Town Manager.
- Maintain current Charter-mandated line item details required in the budget submission.

If you vote, “Reject,” you are voting to:

- Keep the current language in the Charter that mandates line-item comparisons in year-over-year budgets.
- Keep the current language that directs the School Committee to submit their budget to the Town Manager

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The combined Finance Department’s estimated hourly cost is \$100, inclusive of labor and materials.

QUESTION # 30
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION QUESTION

“Shall the Charter be amended to create a Department of Development Services consisting of a Director and under whom the following positions report: Town Planner, Zoning Official, Property Maintenance Official, and Building Official?”

CURRENT CHARTER LANGUAGE:

There is no current language in the Charter regarding the Department of Development Services. However, the current Charter allows for the Town Council to create or abolish departments per ordinance.

An ordinance creating a Department of Development Services with a Director that oversees the Town Planner, Zoning Official, Property Maintenance Official, and Building Official was created and approved by the Town Council earlier this year. The recommended charter language mirrored the ordinance language.

RESULT OF VOTE:

If you vote, “Approve,” you are voting to:

- Add this language to the Charter, versus it being established by ordinance, as prescribed by the Code of Ordinances, §15-2-3.

If you vote, “Reject,” you are voting to:

- Keep the current language in the Code of Ordinances versus the Town Charter.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

QUESTION # 31
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION QUESTION

“Shall the Charter be amended to create a Department of Environmental Safety, headed by a Director appointed by the Town Manager, the powers and duties of which will be prescribed by ordinance?”

CURRENT CHARTER LANGUAGE:

There is no current language in the Charter regarding a Department of Environmental Safety, nor the position of a Director of Environmental Safety. However, the current Charter allows the Council to create or abolish departments by ordinance.

RESULT OF VOTE:

If you vote, “Approve,” you are voting to:

- Add this department and position to the Town government.
- Mandate that the Town Council adopt an ordinance establishing the Department, Director, and duties and responsibilities

If you vote, “Reject,” you are voting to:

- Not create a Department of Environmental Safety
- Not establish the position of, “Director of Environmental Safety.”
- Not mandate that the Town Council adopt an ordinance establishing such department, position, and responsibilities

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Based on the current market for such a position, the Town is estimating the position to be compensated at a rate of \$35 per hour. For a part-time employee in this position, it is estimated to cost around \$36,000 per year.

If the position were a full-time position, it is estimated to be compensated at \$75,000 per year. Typically, associated employment benefits cost between 27-30% of base pay, which would increase the total compensation to \$97,500.

For a position and department associated with these responsibilities, the Town is estimating \$10,000 of set-up and miscellaneous costs.

QUESTION # 32
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION QUESTION

“Shall Section 10-1-1 of the Charter be amended to eliminate the ability of the Town Manager to serve as the Director of Public Works?”

CURRENT CHARTER LANGUAGE:

“There shall be a Department of Public Works, the head of which shall be the Director of Public Works who shall be, or shall be appointed by, the Manager.”

RESULT OF VOTE:

If you vote, “Approve,” you are voting to:

- Prohibit the Town Manager from serving as the Director of Public Works, permanently or temporarily.
- Require the Town to hire a Director of Public Works.

If you vote, “Reject,” you are voting to:

- Keep the current language in the Charter that allows the Town Manager to serve as the Director of Public Works, permanently or temporarily.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

If approved, the Town would have to hire a public works director.

The current, annual market rate for a public works director is \$110,000. Typically, associated employment benefits cost between 27-30% of base pay, which would increase the total compensation to \$143,000.

For this position and its associated administrative responsibilities, the Town is estimating between \$5,000 and \$10,000 of professional and miscellaneous costs.

QUESTION # 33
TOWN COUNCIL QUESTION

“Shall Section 10-1-1 of the Charter continue to permit the Town Manager to serve as Director of Public Works?”

CURRENT CHARTER LANGUAGE:

“There shall be a Department of Public Works, the head of which shall be the Director of Public Works who shall be, or shall be appointed by, the Manager.”

RESULT OF VOTE:

If you vote, “Approve,” you are voting to:

- Keep the current language in the Charter that allows the Town Manager to serve as the Director of Public Works, permanently or temporarily.

If you vote, “Reject,” you are voting to:

- If Question #32 is approved, a “reject” vote would:
 - Prohibit the Town Manager from serving as the Director of Public Works, permanently or temporarily.
 - Require the Town to hire a Director of Public Works.
- If Question #32 and this question are rejected by a majority of voters, the question with the largest amount of “reject” votes would prevail.
- If Question #32 and this question are rejected by a majority of voters and this question receives the highest number of “reject” votes, such a vote would:
 - Prohibit the Town Manager from serving as the Director of Public Works, permanently or temporarily.
 - Require the Town to hire a Director of Public Works.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

QUESTION # 34
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION QUESTION

“Shall Section 13-1-1 of the Charter be amended to have the appointments of all Town Solicitors be based upon formal application and a merit interview?”

CURRENT CHARTER LANGUAGE:

“There shall be a Town Solicitor who shall be appointed for an indefinite term. The Solicitor shall not be discharged, except upon a majority vote of the Council. Assistant Town Solicitors shall be appointed by the Council, if necessary, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Council.”

RESULT OF VOTE:

If you vote, “Approve,” you are voting to:

- Mandate that future Town Solicitors and Assistant Solicitors must apply for the position through a formal application and interview process by the Town Council, as is currently the practice.
- Maintain that Solicitors serve indefinite terms.

If you vote, “Reject,” you are voting to:

- Keep the current language in the Charter that does not dictate the selection process of Town Solicitors.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

With any formal recruitment, there is an associated cost of advertising. Typically, such advertisement costs are calculated as the position’s pay period cost and on a per-position basis. For the Solicitor, this would be \$3,000.

QUESTION # 35
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION QUESTION

“Shall Section 13-1-1 of the Charter be amended to have assistant town solicitors serve a term concurrent with that of the Council until their successors are appointed and qualified?”

CURRENT CHARTER LANGUAGE:

“There shall be a Town Solicitor who shall be appointed for an indefinite term. The Solicitor shall not be discharged, except upon a majority vote of the Council. Assistant Town Solicitors shall be appointed by the Council, if necessary, and shall serve at the pleasure of the Council.”

RESULT OF VOTE:

If you vote, “Approve,” you are voting to:

- Allow Assistant Town Solicitors to serve terms concurrent with the Town Council.
- Allow Assistant Town Solicitors to serve until their successor have been appointed and deemed qualified.

If you vote, “Reject,” you are voting to:

- Keep the current language in the Charter that states Assistant Town Solicitors serve at the pleasure of the Town Council.
- Keep the current language of the Charter that does not dictate a specific term for Assistant Town Solicitors.
- Keep the current language of the Charter that does not dictate Assistant Town Solicitors must be deemed, “qualified.”

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

QUESTION # 36
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION QUESTION

“Shall Section 13-1-2 of the Charter be amended to include the provision that solicitor and assistant solicitors be graduates of an accredited law school and admitted to the practice of law in Rhode Island for a minimum of five (5) years?”

CURRENT CHARTER LANGUAGE:

There is no current language in the Charter that dictates the necessity of graduation from an accredited law school nor the necessary length of time the attorney has practiced law in Rhode Island.

RESULT OF VOTE:

If you vote, “Approve,” you are voting to:

- Mandate that all future Town and Assistant Town Solicitors shall be graduates of an accredited law school.
- Mandate that all future Town and Assistant Town Solicitors shall have practiced law in Rhode Island for at least five years, prior to selection as Solicitor.

If you vote, “Reject,” you are voting to:

- Keep the current Charter silent on accreditation or in-State practice minimum requirements.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

QUESTION # 37
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION QUESTION

“Shall Section 13-1-4 of the Charter be amended to include additional duties and responsibilities of the Solicitor, subject only to the solicitor’s obligations under the rules of professional responsibility?”

CURRENT CHARTER LANGUAGE:

Section 13-1-4 current reads:

“(a) The Town Solicitor shall be attorney for the Town and legal advisor to the Council, Manager, and all other officers, departments and agencies of the Town. He shall appear for and protect the rights of the Town in all actions, suits or proceedings, civil or criminal, in law or equity, brought by or against it or any of its officers, departments or agencies, and shall perform such other duties as the Council may require.

(b) The Town Solicitor shall examine and approve the forms of all ordinances and resolutions and the forms of all invitations for bids, contracts and other legal documents sent out by any department, office or agency of the Town.”

RESULT OF VOTE:

If you vote, “Approve,” you are voting to:

- Add language that specifically calls out that the Solicitor can continue to work in their private practice.
- Add language that details, further, additional duties for the Town Solicitor, such as:
 - Taking the Town Council’s instructions, drafting documents, letters and contracts tailored to the needs of the Town of Westerly and the Town Council
 - Negotiating together with the Town Council and other professionals and/or organizations to secure agreed objectives
 - Supervising the implementation of agreements, coordinating the work of all parties involved, including Town Solicitors who are assigned to various Town Boards
 - Instructing other attorneys or specialist advocates to appear in court for the Town in complex matters and disputes
 - Arranging and attending further Town Council meetings where necessary to progress with the case and finalize documentation

If you vote, “Reject,” you are voting to:

- Keep the current language in the Charter that dictates the duties of the Town Solicitor.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

QUESTION # 38
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION QUESTION

“Shall Section 8-1-2 of the Charter be amended to reflect the current practice permitting the Assessor to use the services of a mass appraisal company?”

CURRENT CHARTER LANGUAGE:

“The Town Assessor shall be responsible for the fixing of assessed valuation for purposes of taxation on all taxable real estate and tangible and intangible personal property and for the preparation of an assessed roll and a tax roll for the Town in the manner provided by law and ordinances.”

RESULT OF VOTE:

If you vote, “Approve,” you are voting to:

- Add language to the Charter that specifically allows the Town Assessor to use mass appraisal companies to assist in the regular revaluation of taxable properties.
- Add language to the Charter that specifically allows the Town Assessor to continue with a process and practice that is currently being utilized.

If you vote, “Reject,” you are voting to:

- Keep the Charter silent on the ability of the Assessor to use a mass appraisal company to assist in the regular revaluation of taxable properties.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

QUESTION # 39
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION QUESTION

“Shall Section 8-1-2 of the Charter be amended to expand and further specify the duties and responsibilities of the assessor?”

CURRENT CHARTER LANGUAGE:

“The Town Assessor shall be responsible for the fixing of assessed valuation for purposes of taxation on all taxable real estate and tangible and intangible personal property and for the preparation of an assessed roll and a tax roll for the Town in the manner provided by law and ordinances.”

RECOMMENDED NEW, ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE

“The Town Assessor shall be responsible for the vetting of the mass appraisal contractors prior to selection by the town. The Assessor shall validate the mass appraisal contractor's computer models and associated algorithms used in the performance of the mass municipal appraisals of the town's real estate for accuracy, validity, and reliability. The Assessor will certify the veracity of the appraisal and reappraisal results provided to the town by the mass appraisal contractor. The Assessor will ensure that the electronically established and maintained grand list held by the contractor is current, accurate, complete and reflects 100% of the fair market value of all taxable and non-taxable real property in town.”

RESULT OF VOTE:

If you vote, “Approve,” you are voting to:

- Require the Town Assessor to obtain and maintain abilities to validate computer models and algorithms of mass appraisal companies.
- Add language to the Charter that specifies the current practice of certifying the appraisals.
- Add language to the Charter that specifies the current practice of ensuring the 100% fair market value of all taxable and non-taxable real property in Town.

If you vote, “Reject,” you are voting to:

- Keep the current language in the Charter that dictates the duties of the Assessor.
- Acknowledge the current practice of certification of the grand list by the mass appraisal company.
- Not require the Town Assessor to obtain and maintain abilities to validate computer models and algorithms of mass appraisal companies.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There will be a cost to this charter amendment; however, the associated cost is not calculable. Assessors are not trained to validate computer models or algorithms as part of their responsibilities and such requirements or training is incalculable.

QUESTION # 40
TOWN COUNCIL QUESTION

“Shall the Charter be amended to state that additional duties and responsibilities attendant to the Town Assessor be left to the discretion of the Town Manager or imposed by State law?”

CURRENT CHARTER LANGUAGE:

“The Town Assessor shall be responsible for the fixing of assessed valuation for purposes of taxation on all taxable real estate and tangible and intangible personal property and for the preparation of an assessed roll and a tax roll for the Town in the manner provided by law and ordinances.”

RESULT OF VOTE:

If you vote, “Approve,” you are voting to:

- Maintain current language in the Charter to the administrative responsibilities of the Town Manager over departments and employees
- Maintain current language in the Charter to the outlined responsibilities of the Assessor

If you vote, “Reject,” you are voting to:

- If Question #39 is approved, a “reject” vote would keep the additions to the Charter of the prior question.
- If Question #39 and this question are rejected by a majority of voters, the question with the largest amount of “reject” votes would prevail.
- If Question #39 and this question are rejected by a majority of voters and this question receives the highest number of “reject” votes, such a vote would keep the current language of the Town Managers administration responsibilities intact in the Charter.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

QUESTION #41
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION QUESTION

“Shall Section 3-1-10 of the Charter be amended to change text from “June” to “May” for the purpose of submitting budget recommendation to the Council?”

CURRENT CHARTER LANGUAGE:

Section 3-1-10 discusses the submission of enterprise fund budgets by the Board of Finance to the Town Council. Currently, the last sentence of this section reads, “The Board of Finance shall transmit its recommendations to the Council not later than the first Monday of June.”

RESULT OF VOTE:

If you vote, “Approve,” you are voting to:

- Change the required submission date of the enterprise fund budget(s) from the Board of Finance to the Town Council from the first Monday in June to the first Monday in May.
- Increase the time allowed the Town Council to review, hear, comment, amend, and adopt the enterprise fund budgets prior to State requirements on budget certifications.

If you vote, “Reject,” you are voting to:

- Keep the current language in the Charter that requires the submission of the enterprise fund budget(s) from the Board of Finance to the Town Council by no later than the first Monday in June.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

QUESTION # 42
CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION QUESTION

“Shall the Charter be amended to update text changes to be consistent with existing Rhode Island law and statutes?”

CURRENT CHARTER LANGUAGE:

Several minor changes throughout the Charter where State law has changed or now dictates specific wording or practices.

RESULT OF VOTE:

If you vote, “Approve,” you are voting to:

- Update the Town Charter to be consistent with current state laws.

If you vote, “Reject,” you are voting to:

- Keep the current language in the Charter that does not comply with current state laws and statutes.
- The Town will continue to follow the applicable state laws and statutes.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

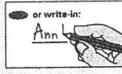
None.



General Election
November 8, 2016
Westerly



To mark your choice
Fill in the oval to the left of
your choice.
Do not make any marks
outside of the oval.



To vote for a write-in candidate
To vote for a candidate whose name is
not on the ballot:
Fill in the oval to the left of Write-in and
print the name clearly in the box.

Presidential Electors For:

Donald J. Trump
President
Michael R. Pence
Vice President
REPUBLICAN

Hillary Clinton
President
Tim Kaine
Vice President
DEMOCRAT

Gary Johnson
President
Bill Weld
Vice President
Libertarian

Jill Stein
President
Ajamu Baraka
Vice President
Green

"Rocky" Roque
De La Fuente
President
Michael Steinberg
Vice President
American Delta

Write-in

**Representative in
Congress
District 2
Two Year Term
Vote for 1**

Rhue R. Reis
REPUBLICAN

James R. Langevin
DEMOCRAT

Salvatore G. Caiozzo
Independent

Jeffrey C. Johnson
Independent

Write-in

**Senator in
General Assembly
District 38
Two Year Term
Vote for 1**

Dennis L. Algieri
REPUBLICAN

Write-in

**Representative in
General Assembly
District 36
Two Year Term
Vote for 1**

Blake A. Filippi
Independent

Write-in

OR

**Representative in
General Assembly
District 37
Two Year Term
Vote for 1**

Samuel A. Azzinaro
DEMOCRAT

Write-in

OR

**Representative in
General Assembly
District 38
Two Year Term
Vote for 1**

Brian Patrick Kennedy
DEMOCRAT

Michael James Geary
Independent

Write-in

**Town Council
Two Year Term
Vote for up to 7**

Jean L. Gagnier
REPUBLICAN

Michael W. Ober
DEMOCRAT

Philip M. Overton
REPUBLICAN

John P. Carson, Sr.
DEMOCRAT

Edward P. Morrone
DEMOCRAT

James V. Silvestri
Independent

Mario P. Celico
Independent

Susan T. Champouillon
Independent

William J. Aiello
Independent

Write-in

Write-in

Write-in

Write-in

Write-in

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Write-in

**School Committee
Four Year Term
Vote for up to 4**

Christine M. Misto
REPUBLICAN

Diane Chiaradio Bowdy
DEMOCRAT

Rebecca L. Greene
DEMOCRAT

Christine A. Piezzo
Independent

Write-in

Write-in

Write-in

Write-in

Depending on where you live, your ballot will include **one** of the Representative choices. Representative District 36 includes Precinct 3601. Representative District 37 includes Precincts 3602, 3603, 3604 & 3605. Representative District 38 includes Precincts 3606 & 3607. Precincts may be found on pages 42-44.

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State Questions

1. STATE CONSTITUTIONAL APPROVAL

Approval of an act authorizing state-operated casino gaming at "Twin River-Tiverton" in the Town of Tiverton

Section 22 of Article VI of the Constitution

Shall an act be approved which would authorize a facility owned by Twin River-Tiverton, LLC, located in the Town of Tiverton at the intersection of William S. Canning Boulevard and Stafford Road, to be licensed as a pari-mutuel facility and offer state-operated video-lottery games and state-operated casino gaming, such as table games?

- Approve
 Reject

2. AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE

Restoration of ethics commission jurisdiction over General Assembly members

Section 8 of Article III and Section 5 of Article VI of the Constitution

Section 8 of Article III of the Constitution shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 8. Ethics commission - Code of ethics. - The general assembly shall establish an independent non-partisan ethics commission which shall adopt a code of ethics including, but not limited to, provisions on conflicts of interest, confidential information, use of position, contracts with government agencies and financial disclosure. The assent of two-thirds (2/3) of the members appointed shall be required for the adoption for every rule or regulation. All elected and appointed officials and employees of state and local government, of boards, commissions and agencies shall be subject to the code of ethics. The ethics commission shall have the authority to investigate alleged violations of the code of ethics, including acts otherwise protected by Article VI, Section 5, and to impose penalties, as provided by law; and the Any sanction issued against any party by the ethics commission shall be appealable to the judicial branch as provided by law. The commission shall have the power to remove from office officials who are not otherwise subject to impeachment, or expulsion as provided by Article VI, Section 7.

Section 5 of Article VI of the Constitution shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 5. Immunities of general assembly members. - The persons of all members of the general assembly shall be exempt from arrest and their estates from attachment in any civil action, during the session of the general assembly, and two days before the commencement and two days after the termination thereof, and all process served contrary hereto shall be void. For any speech in debate in either house, no member shall be questioned in any other place, except by the ethics commission as set forth in Article III, Section 8.

Approval of the amendments to Section 8 of Article III and Section 5 of Article VI of the Rhode Island Constitution set forth above will restore the jurisdiction of the ethics commission over members of the General Assembly.

- Approve
 Reject

State Questions

Questions 3 - 7 (Chapter 142 - Public Laws 2016)

Shall the action of the General Assembly, by an act passed at the January 2016 session, authorizing the issuance of bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes of the state for the capital projects and in the amount with respect to each such project listed below (Questions 3 - 7) be approved, and the issuance of bonds, refunding bonds, and temporary notes authorized in accordance with the provisions of said act?

3. VETERANS HOME BONDS - \$27,000,000

For the construction of a new Veterans Home and renovations of existing facilities.

- Approve
 Reject

4. LEVERAGING HIGHER EDUCATION TO CREATE 21ST CENTURY JOBS BONDS - \$45,500,000

To make capital investments in higher education-related projects, to be allocated as follows:

- (a) University of Rhode Island College of Engineering \$25,500,000
(b) University of Rhode Island Affiliated Innovation Campus Program \$20,000,000

- Approve
 Reject

5. PORT INFRASTRUCTURE BONDS - \$70,000,000

For port infrastructure projects, to be allocated as follows:

- (a) Port of Davisville Infrastructure at Quonset \$50,000,000
(b) Port of Providence Infrastructure \$20,000,000

- Approve
 Reject

6. GREEN ECONOMY BONDS - \$35,000,000

For environmental and recreational purposes, to be allocated as follows:

- (a) Historic State Park Development Program \$4,000,000
(b) State Land Acquisition Program \$4,000,000
(c) State Bikeway Development Program \$10,000,000
(d) Brownfield Remediation and Economic Development \$5,000,000
(e) Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program \$3,000,000
(f) Local Recreation Development Matching Grant Program \$5,000,000
(g) Local Land Acquisition Matching Grant Program \$4,000,000

- Approve
 Reject

7. HOUSING OPPORTUNITY BONDS - \$50,000,000

For affordable housing, urban revitalization, and blight remediation, to be allocated as follows:

- (a) Affordable Housing Development \$40,000,000
(b) Urban Revitalization and Blight Remediation \$10,000,000

- Approve
 Reject

Local Questions

8. AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$38,500,000

(Resolution of the Town Council adopted August 1, 2016)

Shall an act, passed at the 2016 session of the General Assembly, entitled, 'An act authorizing the Town of Westerly to issue general obligation bonds and notes in an amount not to exceed thirty-eight million five hundred thousand dollars (\$38,500,000) for the purpose of financing in the construction, renovation, rehabilitation, repair, improvements, furnishing and equipping of and/or additions to schools and school facilities in the Town' be approved?

- Approve
 Reject

QUESTIONS 9 - 42 AMENDMENTS TO WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER

(Resolutions of the Town Council adopted August 4, 2016)

(Proposed by the Charter Revision Commission)

9. Shall Section 2-1-1 of the Charter be amended to alter Town Councilor terms of office from two (2) year terms to four (4) year staggered terms?

- Approve
 Reject

(Proposed by the Charter Revision Commission)

10. Shall Section 2-1-1 of the Charter be amended to impose term limits for Town Councilors to no more than two (2) consecutive terms with the Council electing a president every two (2) years?

- Approve
 Reject

(Proposed by the Charter Revision Commission)

11. Shall the Charter be amended to include a provision limiting Planning Board and Zoning Board of Review members to serve no more than two (2) consecutive five (5) year terms?

- Approve
 Reject

(Proposed by the Charter Revision Commission)

12. Shall Section 11-1-1 of the Charter be amended to limit the office of School Committee members to two (2) consecutive four (4) year terms?

- Approve
 Reject

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General Election
November 8, 2016
Westerly

 **To mark your choice**
Fill in the oval to the left of
your choice.
Do not make any marks
outside of the oval.

Local Questions
(Proposed by the Charter Revision Commission) 13. Shall the Charter be amended to include a recall provision to remove an elected official from office, so long as the recall is not initiated during the first four (4) months or the last eight (8) months of the term of the incumbent? <input type="radio"/> Approve <input type="radio"/> Reject
(Proposed by the Charter Revision Commission) 14. Shall the Charter be amended to include a provision that bars any person who has been recalled or resigned while recall proceedings were initiated from holding elected or appointed office or being employed by the Town within two (2) years of such recall or resignation? <input type="radio"/> Approve <input type="radio"/> Reject
(Proposed by the Charter Revision Commission) 15. Shall the Charter be amended to include a voter initiative and referendum provision to allow Westerly citizens to petition the Council to enact or repeal certain ordinances and laws by 12% of the electorate? <input type="radio"/> Approve <input type="radio"/> Reject
(Proposed by the Charter Revision Commission) 16. Shall the Charter be amended to mandate that the Council create by ordinance on or before July 1, 2017 a Code of Ethics applicable to all elected and appointed officials, and employees? <input type="radio"/> Approve <input type="radio"/> Reject
(Proposed by the Charter Revision Commission) 17. Shall Section 7-1-1 of the Charter be amended to preclude the Town Manager from serving as Director of Finance and to have the Director of Finance report to the Town Manager? <input type="radio"/> Approve <input type="radio"/> Reject

Local Questions
(Proposed by the Charter Revision Commission) 18. Shall Section 7-1-1 of the Charter be amended to empower the Director of Finance to integrate the Town's municipal budget with the School Department budget in order to produce a unified, master budget to the Town Manager? <input type="radio"/> Approve <input type="radio"/> Reject
(Proposed by the Town Council) 19. Shall Section 7-1-1 of the Charter be amended to allow the Director of Finance to also serve as the Chief Financial Officer of the School Department? <input type="radio"/> Approve <input type="radio"/> Reject
(Proposed by the Charter Revision Commission) 20. Shall Section 7-1-2 of the Charter be amended to add the requirement that the Director of Finance hold a minimum of a bachelor's degree in business, finance or accounting? <input type="radio"/> Approve <input type="radio"/> Reject
(Proposed by the Town Council) 21. Shall the Charter be amended to clarify that the Town Manager has the authority to determine eligibility requirements of all municipal employees, including Director of Finance? <input type="radio"/> Approve <input type="radio"/> Reject
(Proposed by the Charter Revision Commission) 22. Shall Section 7-1-3 of the Charter pertaining to the Council's setting of the salary of the Director of Finance be eliminated? <input type="radio"/> Approve <input type="radio"/> Reject
(Proposed by the Charter Revision Commission) 23. Shall Section 7-1-4 of the Charter be amended to permit the Director of Finance to appoint and remove a Purchasing Agent, appoint and remove a Tax Collector, consolidate positions, and perform any other duties under the Department of Finance except that of Tax Collector? <input type="radio"/> Approve <input type="radio"/> Reject

Local Questions
(Proposed by the Town Council) 24. Shall the Charter be amended to clarify that only the Town Manager has authority to hire or terminate town employees, including any employee of the Department of Finance? <input type="radio"/> Approve <input type="radio"/> Reject
(Proposed by the Charter Revision Commission) 25. Shall Section 7-1-4 of the Charter be amended to impose and include additional duties and responsibilities attendant to the operations of the Department of Finance? <input type="radio"/> Approve <input type="radio"/> Reject
(Proposed by the Town Council) 26. Shall Section 7-1-4 of the Charter be amended to state that additional duties and responsibilities attendant to the operations of the Finance Department be left to the discretion of the Town Manager? <input type="radio"/> Approve <input type="radio"/> Reject
(Proposed by the Charter Revision Commission) 27. Shall the Charter be amended to include a provision that requires the Town to adopt cost accounting and double-entry accrual accounting principles for the handling of enterprise funds? <input type="radio"/> Approve <input type="radio"/> Reject
(Proposed by the Town Council) 28. Shall the Charter be amended requiring the Town to adopt those bookkeeping and accounting principles for the handling of enterprise funds that are in compliance with generally accepted accounting and auditing standards? <input type="radio"/> Approve <input type="radio"/> Reject

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Local Questions

(Proposed by the Charter Revision Commission)

29. Shall Section 11-1-7 of the Charter be amended to submit the presentations of the proposed annual School Department budget in the format requested by the Board of Finance?

- Approve
- Reject

(Proposed by the Charter Revision Commission)

30. Shall the Charter be amended to create a Department of Development Services consisting of a director and under whom the following positions report: Town Planner, Zoning Official, Property Maintenance Official and Building Official?

- Approve
- Reject

(Proposed by the Charter Revision Commission)

31. Shall the Charter be amended to create a Department of Environmental Safety, headed by a director appointed by the Town Manager, the powers and duties of which will be prescribed by ordinance?

- Approve
- Reject

(Proposed by the Charter Revision Commission)

32. Shall Section 10-1-1 of the Charter be amended to eliminate the ability of the Town Manager to serve as the Director of Public Works?

- Approve
- Reject

(Proposed by the Town Council)

33. Shall Section 10-1-1 of the Charter continue to permit the Town Manager to serve as Director of Public Works?

- Approve
- Reject

(Proposed by the Charter Revision Commission)

34. Shall Section 13-1-1 of the Charter be amended to have the appointments of all town solicitors be based upon formal application and a merit interview?

- Approve
- Reject

(Proposed by the Charter Revision Commission)

35. Shall Section 13-1-1 of the Charter be amended to have assistant town solicitors serve a term concurrent with that of the Council until their successors are appointed and qualified?

- Approve
- Reject

Local Questions

(Proposed by the Charter Revision Commission)

36. Shall Section 13-1-2 of the Charter be amended to include the provision that solicitor and assistant solicitors be graduates of an accredited law school and admitted to the practice of law in Rhode Island for a minimum of five (5) years?

- Approve
- Reject

(Proposed by the Charter Revision Commission)

37. Shall Section 13-1-4 of the Charter be amended to include additional duties and responsibilities of the Solicitor, subject only to the Solicitor's obligations under the rules of professional responsibility?

- Approve
- Reject

(Proposed by the Charter Revision Commission)

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- Approve
- Reject

(Proposed by the Charter Revision Commission)

39. Shall Section 8-1-2 of the Charter be amended to expand and further specify the duties and responsibilities of the Assessor?

- Approve
- Reject

(Proposed by the Town Council)

40. Shall the Charter be amended to state that additional duties and responsibilities attendant to the Town Assessor be left to the discretion of the Town Manager or as imposed by state law?

- Approve
- Reject

(Proposed by the Charter Revision Commission)

41. Shall Section 3-1-10 of the Charter be amended to change text from "June" to "May" for the purpose of submitting budget recommendation to the Council?

- Approve
- Reject

(Proposed by the Charter Revision Commission)

42. Shall the Charter be amended to update text changes to be consistent with existing Rhode Island law and statutes?

- Approve
- Reject

VOTING AT THE POLLS

Voting will take place in Westerly from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the following locations:

PRECINCT 3601-BRADFORD CITIZENS CLUB-124 WOODY HILL RD, BRADFORD

AUKE WAY	DUCK POND TRL	FIELDSTONE WAY	OLD CARRIAGE RD	ROSS HILL RD	SWEET CORN LN
BLOSSOM CT	DUNNS CORNER RD	FLETCHER DR	OSPREY LN	221-229 Odd	TREETOP DR
BLUE SKY DR	1-100 Odd,	HESSPAR DR	POST RD	S MAIN ST	TWIG DR
2-6 Even 1-99 Odd	24-38 Even,	2-98 Even	248-396 Even	2-98 Even	W CAPALBO DR
BRADFORD RD	36-108 Even	LAKESIDE DR	POUND RD	S WOODY HILL RD	WESTERLY BRAD. RD
1- 245 Odd	E CAPALBO DR	1-99 Odd	2-102 Even	SANDY LN	100-498 Even &
2-350 Even	E WOODY HILL RD	MANFREDI DR	106-198 Even	SPARROW DR	135-499 Odd
CASTLE WAY	EVERGREEN LN	N CAPALBO DR	1-17 & 33-45 Odd	STENTON AVE	WOODY HILL RD
CHRISTOPHER RD	FALLON TRL	NEST DR	ROBIN HOLLOW LN		116-198 Even &
COSMO ST	FERN DR	NINA DR	ROBIN WAY		600-698 Even

PRECINCT 3602-WESTERLY HIGH SCHOOL GYM-23 WARD AVE

ALBA INN RD	COURTYARD CIR	GUARINO AVE	LAKESIDE DR	MORRONE CT	SPUCHY DR
APACHE DR	CROSS ST	HARRISON AVE	2-98 Even	NARRAGANSETT AVE	SUMMER ST
ARROW DR	CROWN ST	HASWELL ST	LEDWARD AVE	NEWTON AVE	SUNRISE DR
ATLAS ST	DIXON ST	HESSPAR DR	LEE ST	OAK ST	TAILWINDS LN
BATTERSON AVE	DUNNS CORNER RD	1-99 Odd	LINDEN ST	OAKLAWN TER	THOMPSON AVE
BELLEVUE AVE	72-84 Even	HIGH ST	LONGVUE AVE	2-98 Even	TIDEWINDS LN
BOILING SPRING AVE	FRANKLIN ST	1-129 Odd &	MADISON CT	OLD HOPKINTON RD	TOP ST
BROAD ST	2-198 Even	2-132 Even	1-99 Odd	PARK AVE	TOWER ST
2-98 Even	FUSARO AVE	HIGHLAND AVE	MAGGIO ST	PEQUOT AVE	TUM A LUM CIR
BURNS AVE	GALLUP ST	HOLMES ST	MARICHRIS DR	POUND RD	VOSE ST
CANAL ST	GARDNER DR	IROQUOIS AVE	2-98 Even	19-31 Odd	WAMPANOAG AVE
CHORD ST	GAVITT AVE	IVANHOE DR	MARION ST	47-199 Odd & 104	WARD AVE
CLAY LN	GRANITE ST	JAY ST	MAYBREY DR	RAILROAD AVE	WEST ST
COASTWIND DR	2-64 Even &	JOHN ST	MIDLAND RD	RAYMOND ST	WESTERLY BRAD. RD
COLONIAL DR	72-198 Even	JOSHUA ST	MISTY WAY	READING DR	2-98 Even,1-133 Odd
COMANCHE CT	GRAVITY CT	KING ST	MOHAWK CT	SALEM ST	WILSON ST
CONCORD CT	GROVE AVE		MOHEGAN TRL	SPRUCE ST	WOODLUND AVE

PRECINCT 3603-STATE STREET SCHOOL GYM-35 STATE ST

A ST	CABIN CT	EAST AVE	GREENMAN AVE	MAPLE AVE	SCHOOL ST
ALINA LN	CALABRIA CT	2-96 Even &	HAZEL ST	MARGIN ST	SILVER RIPPLE WAY
ARLINGTON ST	CHAMPION ST	1-117 Odd	HIGHMEADOW DR	MARINER HTS	SOUTH DR
ASHWORTH LN	CHESTER AVE	EDGEWOOD AVE	HOBART ST	MEADOW LARK DR	SPRING ST
AZALEA DR	CHESTNUT CT	ELM ST	HOLLIS ST	MOCKINGBIRD LN	STATE ST
B ST	1-99 Odd	EMERALD ST	HYDRANGEA DR	2-98 Even	SUMMER ST
BEACH ST	CHESTNUT ST	FAIRVIEW AVE	HYDRO DR	MOORE RD	TIMOTHY DR
1-199 Odd &	CHICKADEE LN	FOUNTAIN DR	JOHN ST	NORTH DR	UNION ST
2-126 Even	CLARK ST	1-99 Odd &	JOVERE DR	OLD JUNIPER LN	W BEACH ST
BEACON ST	COBBLESTONE LN	2-48 Even	KRISTIN LN	PEABODY CT	WASHINGTON AVE
BENEFIT ST	COMMERCE ST	FRANKLIN ST	LANPHERE RD	PENSTON AVE	WATCH HILL RD
BOBOLINK DR	CONNORS AVE	1-49 Odd	LARKWOOD LN	RHODY DR	1-29 Odd
BOYLSTON ST	CRESCENT ST	GEORGE ST	LOVAT LN	RIVERDALE RD	WELLS ST
BROAD ST	CRESTVIEW DR	GRANITE ST	1-99 Odd &	RIVERVIEW AVE	1-103 Odd, 2-198 Even
1-99 Odd	CROSS ST	1-199 Odd	12-98 Even	2-98 Even	WESTMINSTER ST
C ST	DAISY AVE	66-70 Even	MAIN ST	ROCKET ST	YORK AVE

PRECINCT 3604-VENICE RESTAURANT(REAR)-165 SHORE RD

1ST ST	CELTIC CT	FOSTER COVE RD	LINWOOD AVE	OYSTER COVE	SOSOA LN
2ND ST	1-99 Odd	FOUNTAIN DR	LONDON PLANE CT	PASADENA AVE	SPRING POND RD
3RD ST	CHAMPLIN DR	50-98 Even	LOVAT LN	PAWCATUCK AVE	ST CLARE WAY
AIRPORT RD	CHAPEL LN	FOX RUN	2-10 Even	PEEPTOAD RD	STONE HILL DR
ALOHA RD	CHARLES AVE	1-99 Odd	MANATUCK AVE	PICKERING DR	SUNSET AVE
AQUIDNECK AVE	CHATHAM CT	FRANKLIN ST	MAPLEWOOD AVE	PLIMPTON RD	TOM HARVEY RD
ARRAQUAT RD	CHIN HILL RD	51-181 Odd	MARY LOU AVE	POPON RD	TRISTAM TRACE
ATLANTIC AVE	COHASSET WAY	GILLES DR	MASSACHAUG RD	POST RD	TROLLEY LN
1-317 Odd & 2-324 Even	COLLINS AVE	GLEN WAY	MASTUXET AVE	1-91 Odd	TURTLEBACK RD
AVONDALE RD	COMPASS WAY	GRASSLAND WAY	MISQUAMICUT HILLS RD	QUAIL RUN	UZZI AVE
BABCOCK RD	CONE ST	23-99 Odd	MOCKINGBIRD LN	RABBIT RUN	VALLEY PATH
BAY ST	CRANBERRY TER	GULL TER	1-99 Odd	RED BROOK DR	W RIDGE RD
BAYBERRY RD	CRANDALL AVE	HAMILTON RD	MONTAUK AVE	RICHMOND DR	WAPAN RD
BAYVIEW DR	CYPRESS LN	HAPPY VALLEY RD	MONTEGO RD	2-98 Even	WATCH HILL RD
BEACH ST	DAMATO DR	HILL ST	MYRTLE AVE	RIDGE RD	6-298 Even & 33-299 Odd
128-198 Even	DAVID AVE	HUBBARD ST	NEOWAM AVE	RIP TIDE DR	WATERS EDGE RD
BELLAIRE ST	DEER RUN	ICE POND RD	NEPUN RD	RIVERVIEW AVE	WAUWINNET AVE
BENNY DR	DENNIS CT	INDIA PT RD	NEVIS CT	1-99 Odd	WELLS ST
BENSON AVE	DOGWOOD AVE	JANA RD	NEWALL TER	ROUND HILL RD	105-199 Odd
BIRCH DR	E 3RD ST	JOANTH TER	NEWBURY DR	S ESSEX DR	WESTERLY RD
BLUFF AVE	2-98 Even	JOLLY LN	NEWELL TER	ST ANDREWS TER	WESTVIEW DR
BOXWOOD AVE	E HILLS RD	KATHLEEN DR	NIANTIC AVE	SARAH LN	WHIPPLE AVE
BRANCH ST	EAST AVE	KETTLE CLOSE	NINIGRET AVE	SCENIC HEIGHTS DR	WHITE CAP RD
BRASS RING RD	98-298 Even & 119-299 Odd	KIDDS WAY	NO BOTTOM RIDGE RD	SEABURY DR	WICKLOW RD
BREEN RD	EDDY DR	KIMBALL AVE	NOANK AVE	SEACREST DR	1-99 Odd, 2-12 Even
BRIAR PATCH DR	ELISA AVE	KNOLLWOOD DR	NOB CT	SEAWINDS TER	WILDER AVE
BROWN DR	ELMWOOD AVE	LANCASTER RD	NOONATCH RD	SEQUAN RD	WILLIAMSBURG DR
BROWNING RD	EQUITY LN	LARKIN RD	OAKWOOD RD	SETTING SUN DR	WINDWARD DR
BUTTERFLY DR	1-99 Odd	LAWRENCE ST	OCEAN RISE DR	SETTLERS' LANDING	WINNAPAUG RD
CADBURY LN	1-99 Odd	LAWTON AVE	OCEAN VIEW HWY	1-99 Odd	YARMOUTH DR
CAMELBACK WAY	ESSEX DR	LEEWARD DR	OENOKE LN	SHEPHERDS RUN	YOSEMITE VALLEY RD
CAPTAINS DR	EVERETT AVE	LIGHTHOUSE RD	OLYMPIA WAY	SHIRLEY DR	
CEDAR CREST DR	FAIRFIELD DR	LINKS PSGE	ORLEANS CT	SHORE RD	
	FISHERMANS AVE	2-4 Even	OVERLOOK DR	1-165 Odd & 4-196 Even	
	FORT RD				

PRECINCT 3605-WESTERLY MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA-10 SANDY HILL RD

ANDERSEN CT	COVE RD	HILLSIDE TER	OXFORD ST	SANDY HILL RD	TONKAWA AVE
ARGYLE DR	DONIZETTI RD	1-199 Odd	PAINTER RD	SCHUMANN RD	TRANQUILITY TRL
ATLANTIC AVE	DONROSS DR	INWOOD LN	PASSPATAUG AVE	SEA GULL RD	UPLAND RD
319-699 Odd & 326-698 Even	DUNNS CORNER RD	ISLAND VIEW CT	PAUPOCK RUN	SEAVIEW AVE	URSO DR
AYERS RD	2-22 Even & 40-70 Even	JUNIPER AVE	PEMPLETON LN	SHARON DR	UTTER ST
BACH RD	E FAIRWAY AVE	KNOWLES AVE	PIEZZO DR	SHAWMUT AVE	VALLEY DR
BELLA VISTA TER	E FAIRWAY AVE	LANGWORTHY RD	PINE WOODS CT	1-99 Odd	VERDI RD
BELLE ROSE DR	E STUART ST	LINKS PSGE	PIRATES IS	SHELL DR	VIA ROMA
BLUE SKY DR	EAGLE CT	1-5 Odd	PLATEAU RD	SHERWOOD DR	W FAIRWAY AVE
8-98 Even	EGRET LN	LITTLEBROOK RD	PONDVIEW AVE	SHORE GARDEN RD	WADCHU RD
BRAHMS RD	FENWAY RD	LOFTY HEIGHTS RD	POST RD	SHORE RD	WAGNER RD
BREACH DR	FRANCIS AVE	MARIE ST	16-246 Even & 93-499 Odd	167-499 Odd & 198-498 Even	WARREN RD
BRIGHTMAN WAY	GEM CT	MATARESE HLS	QUANNACUT RD	SHORELINE DR	WAWALOAM DR
BUCKS TRL	GERSHWIN RD	MEADOW AVE	REED DR	SIMMS ST	WAXCADOWA AVE
CAMELOT CT	GOUNOD RD	MEADOW RIDGE RD	RICCI RD	SNOWBERRY LN	WEEKAPAUG RD
CANYON DR	GOVERNOR AVE	MEMORY LN	ROCK RIDGE RD	SOLAR DR	WETOMACHICK AVE
CATTAIL DR	GREEN LEAF CIR	MONTROSE CT	ROSEMOUNT LN	SPRAY ROCK RD	WHALES VIEW DR
CHAMBER WAY	GREENE CT	MOONLIGHT DR	ROSSINI RD	STARLIGHT DR	WHITE ST
1-99 Odd	GRENOLDS WAY	MORRIS RD	S FAIRWAY AVE	STARVIEW LN	WICKLOW RD
CHAPMAN RD	GRIEG RD	MOWREY RD	SABLEMONT CT	STUART ST	14-98 Even
CHARLENE AVE	HANDEL RD	N STUART ST	1-99 Odd	SUNNYSIDE DR	WILDFLOWER DR
CLAM SHELL DR	HARBOR DR	NANTUCKET AVE	SACCO DR	SYCAMORE DR	WILLIAMS AVE
CLIFFORD DR	HAVERSHAM RD	NATCHAUG RD	SAIL VIEW CT	SYLVAN LN	WINDOVER TURN
COASTAL CT	HAYDEN RD	NOYES NECK RD	SALT POND WAY	TERRACE AVE	WINNAPAUG CT
		OCEAN RIDGE DR		THOMAS LN	WINONA AVE
		OLD POST RD			WOMPAG RD

PRECINCT 3606-SPRINGBROOK SCHOOL GYM-43 SPRINGBROOK RD

ACORN DR	CANAL ST	HAVENS RD	LINATE ST	PERKINS AVE	SLEEPY HOLLOW CT
ALBERT ST	CHRISTIAN HILL RD	HENRY ST	LORRAINE RD	PIERCE ST	SPENCER DR
ANN ST	COLUMBUS AVE	HIGH ST	MARRIOTT AVE	PLEASANT ST	SPRINGBROOK RD
ANNANIAS AVE	COTTAGE ST	134-350 Even	MAY DR	POND ST	TAYLOR CT
ASHEL ST	1-99 Odd	HISCOX RD	MEADOWVIEW TER	POST OFFICE LN	TERAPAT DR
AUTUMN LN	COVINGTON CT	1-99 Odd	MINER ST	POTTER HILL RD	TERRY CIR
AVA ST	DAVENPORT ST	ICHABOD LN	MORIAH DR	2-398 Even &	TURANO AVE
BEATRICE ST	DAYTON ST	INDUSTRIAL DR	N JOSEPH ST	87-199 Odd	VOLTAGE ST
BENJAMIN ST	DOREEN DR	JAMES ST	NETHERWOOD ST	RANDEAU PSG	WALL ST
BOOMBRIDGE RD	ELIZABETH ST	JOAN RD	1-99 Odd	RICHARD CIR	WALTON ST
BRANDYWINE DR	ELLA ST	KNIGHT ST	NILES ST	2-98 Even	WEST ST
BRENDEN ST	FAMILY LN	LAUREL AVE	PAULINE ST	S JOSEPH ST	WHITE ROCK RD
BROOKSIDE RD	FRIENDSHIP ST	LEWIS LN	PEARL ST	SAUNDRAS DR	YANKEE DR
BROOKVIEW CT	GERANIUM LN	LILAC DR		SERVICE ST	
BYRON DR	HARDWOOD LN	LIMA DR			

PRECINCT 3607-BRADFORD SCHOOL GYM-15 CHURCH ST, BRADFORD

ABRUZZESE LN	CHURCH ST	HILLVIEW DR	LAUREL HILL DR	PENNY CT	SESAME ST
ALEXANDER ST	CIRCLE DR	HISCOX RD	LEDGEWOOD DR	PINE TER	SHETLAND DR
ANGUS TER	CLEO CT	2-98 Even	MICHAELS WAY	POTTER HILL RD	STERLING DR
ASHAWAY RD	COUNTRY RD	HOLLY DR	MIDWAY AVE	1-83 Odd	SUNNY DR
BERRY DR	DANIELLE AVE	HOPE ST	MILROSE AVE	QUARRY RD	SURREY DR
BOWLING LN	DORR ST	HORIZON TER	MOUNTAIN AVE	QUARTZ DR	VARIS LN
BOY SCOUT DR	1-99 Odd	HORNE DR	N GRANITE AVE	RANGER RD	VILLAGE RD
BRADFORD RD	FALCO CIR	HUNTER TER	N MAIN ST	RED BARN DR	WAYLAND ST
247-499 Odd &	FIELDS VIEW RD	JOSEPH ST	N WOODY HILL RD	RIVER AVE	WEATHERVANE WAY
352-460 Even	FORRESTAL DR	1-99 Odd	NICHOLS LN	S MAIN ST	WILGIS DR
BRANBERRY DR	FRONTAGE RD	JUDI LN	NUTMEG DR	1-99 Odd	WOODY HILL EXT
BRIDGETTE LN	GURNSEY AVE	KENT AVE	OLD HOPKINTON RD	SARATOGA AVE	WOODY HILL RD
CANTERBURY DR	HICKORY LN	1-99 Odd	OLD INDIAN TRL	SCHILKE DR	1-199 Odd &
CANTON ST	HIGH ST	LAUDONE DR	OXFORD DR		2-114 Even
CENTER ST	131-337 Odd				

WESTERLY TOWN HALL-45 BROAD ST

Persons that have not registered to vote prior to October 9, 2016 are eligible to register and vote for President and Vice President ONLY at Town Hall on November 8, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

OR VOTE AT HOME

Complete and return one of the Mail Ballot Applications found on pages 46 through 49 to Board of Canvassers, 45 Broad Street, Westerly RI 02891 by October 18, 2016. Additional applications may be obtained by calling 348-2503, emailing brayman@westerly.org, or visiting www.westerlyri.gov



RHODE ISLAND VOTER REGISTRATION FORM

Please print clearly in ink. All information is required unless marked optional.

YOU MAY USE THIS FORM TO:

- Register to vote in Rhode Island.
- Change your name and/or address on your registration.
- Choose a political party or change parties.

TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN RI YOU MUST BE:

- A legal resident of Rhode Island.
- A citizen of the United States.
- At least 16 years of age.
(You must be at least 18 years of age to vote on Election Day.)

INSTRUCTIONS

Box 2: REQUIRED. Rhode Island citizens who are at least 16 years of age may pre-register to vote using this form. If you fail to check either of these boxes, this form will be returned to you. If you checked NO to either of these statements, do not complete this form.

Box 3: If you are registering to vote for the first time in Rhode Island by mail or if someone else turns this form in for you, it is **REQUIRED** that you provide your driver's license number or state ID number issued by the RI Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). If you do not have either, you must provide the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number. If you do not provide the above information or it cannot be verified, you will be required to provide identification to an election official before voting. Acceptable forms of identification are on the Board of Elections website at <http://www.elections.ri.gov> or contact your local Board of Canvassers (see reverse side of this form).

Box 5: A person may have only one legal residence. You must register from your legal residence. A post office box or rural route may only be used as a "Mailing Address" in Box 6.

Box 9: If you want to affiliate to vote, choose a party. If you leave Box 9 blank, you will be listed as unaffiliated.

Box 10: You must SIGN and DATE the registration form. If you fail to sign and date the form, it will be returned to you.

Box 11: If you are updating your voter registration because you legally changed your name, enter your previous legal name.

Box 12: If you are updating your voter registration because of an address change, enter your previous address, **even if out-of-state.**

You will receive an acknowledgement receipt of this voter registration form within 3 weeks. If you do not receive it, contact your local Board of Canvassers (see reverse side for list). For questions and deadlines relating to this form, visit the Board of Elections website at <http://www.elections.ri.gov> or contact your local Board of Canvassers (see reverse side for list).

(This form may be reproduced)

1. Check Boxes that Apply: <input type="checkbox"/> New Voter Registration <input type="checkbox"/> Address Change <input type="checkbox"/> Party Change <input type="checkbox"/> Name Change					
2. I am a U.S. Citizen and resident of Rhode Island. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No I am at least 16 years of age. (You must be at least 18 years of age to vote.) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If you checked NO to either of these statements, do not complete this form.		3. RI driver's license or ID Number: <input type="text"/> If you do not have a RI driver's license or ID, enter last 4 digits of your social security number: <input type="text"/> If you do not enter either number, see instructions for Box 3.			
4. Last Name		Suffix (if any)	First Name		Middle Name (or initial)
5. Home Address (Do not enter a post office box)		Apt.	City/Town	State	ZIP Code
				RI	
6. Mailing Address (If different from Box 5)		Apt.	City/Town	State	ZIP Code
7. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)		8. Phone No./ E-mail Address (optional)		9. Party Affiliation:	
Month Day Year				<input type="checkbox"/> Democrat <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Republican <input type="checkbox"/> Unaffiliated <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
10. I swear or affirm that: - I am not incarcerated in a correctional facility upon a felony conviction. - I am not presently judged "mentally incompetent" to vote by a court of law. - The information I have provided is true to the best of my knowledge under penalty of perjury. If I have provided false information, I may be fined, imprisoned, or (if not a U.S. citizen) deported from or refused entry into the United States.				Official Use For Barcode	
PLEASE SIGN FULL NAME OR PLACE MARK BELOW <input type="text"/>				Are you interested in working at the polls? (check box below) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Date: _____ (mm/dd/yyyy) Signed _____					
Warning: If you sign this form and know it to be false, you can be convicted and fined up to \$5,000 or jailed up to 10 years.					
11. PREVIOUS NAME (if different from Box 4)			12. PREVIOUS ADDRESS OF REGISTRATION (City/Town, State, ZIP & County)		

Mail Ballot Application

ELECTION on November 8, 2016



State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations

→ Must be received by your local board of canvassers
not later than 4 p.m. on October 18, 2016

For Official Use Only

Precinct: _____

Date: _____

Accepted by: _____

Box A Voter information

Name of Voter _____

Home Address (where you are registered to vote) _____

RI

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Date of Birth _____ Phone Number _____

Box B Address where ballot is to be sent

Name of Institution (if applicable) _____

Address _____

Address _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Fax Number (if applicable for Box C, category 3) _____

Box C Mail ballot reasons

I certify that I am eligible for a mail ballot on the following basis:

- () 1. I am incapacitated to such an extent that it would be an undue hardship to vote at the polls because of illness, mental or physical disability, blindness or a serious impairment of mobility.
If the ballot is not being mailed to your voter registration address (BOX A) please provide the **Rhode Island address** where you are temporarily residing in BOX B above.
- () 2. I am confined in a hospital, convalescent home, nursing home, rest home, or similar institution **within the State of Rhode Island**. Provide the name and address of the facility where you are residing in BOX B above.
- () 3. I am employed or in service intimately connected with military operations or because I am a spouse or dependent of such person, or I am a United States citizen who will be outside the United States.
Complete BOX B above or the ballot will be mailed to the local board of canvassers. Optional: Please clearly print an email address where you can be contacted regarding your ballot status:

- () 4. I may not be able to vote at my polling place in my city or town on the day of the election.
If the ballot is not being mailed to your voter registration address (BOX A) please provide the **address within the United States** where you are temporarily residing in BOX B above.
If you request that your ballot be sent to your local board of canvassers, please indicate so in BOX B above.

Box D Oath of voter and signature

I declare that all of the information I have provided on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further state that I am not a qualified voter of any other city or town or state and have not claimed and do not intend to claim the right to vote in any other city or town or state.

If unable to sign name because of physical incapacity or otherwise, applicant shall make his or her mark "X".

Signature in Full



Power of Attorney signature:

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Date: _____

Accepted by: _____

Box A Voter information

Name of Voter

Home Address (where you are registered to vote)

RI

City/Town

State

Zip Code

Date of Birth

Phone Number

Box B Address where ballot is to be sent

Name of Institution (if applicable)

Address

Address

City/Town

State

Zip Code

Fax Number (if applicable for Box C, category 3)

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Home Address (where you are registered to vote) _____

RI

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Date of Birth _____ Phone Number _____

Box B Address where ballot is to be sent

Name of Institution (if applicable) _____

Address _____

Address _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

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I declare that all of the information I have provided on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I further state that I am not a qualified voter of any other city or town or state and have not claimed and do not intend to claim the right to vote in any other city or town or state.

If unable to sign name because of physical incapacity or otherwise, applicant shall make his or her mark "X".

Signature in Full



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Mail Ballot Application

ELECTION on November 8, 2016



State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations

→ Must be received by your local board of canvassers
not later than 4 p.m. on October 18, 2016

For Official Use Only

Precinct: _____

Date: _____

Accepted by: _____

Box A Voter information

Name of Voter _____

Home Address (where you are registered to vote) _____

RI

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Date of Birth _____ Phone Number _____

Box B Address where ballot is to be sent

Name of Institution (if applicable) _____

Address _____

Address _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Fax Number (if applicable for Box C, category 3) _____

Box C Mail ballot reasons

I certify that I am eligible for a mail ballot on the following basis:

- () 1. I am incapacitated to such an extent that it would be an undue hardship to vote at the polls because of illness, mental or physical disability, blindness or a serious impairment of mobility.
If the ballot is not being mailed to your voter registration address (BOX A) please provide the **Rhode Island address** where you are temporarily residing in BOX B above.
- () 2. I am confined in a hospital, convalescent home, nursing home, rest home, or similar institution **within the State of Rhode Island**. Provide the name and address of the facility where you are residing in BOX B above.
- () 3. I am employed or in service intimately connected with military operations or because I am a spouse or dependent of such person, or I am a United States citizen who will be outside the United States.
Complete BOX B above or the ballot will be mailed to the local board of canvassers. Optional: Please clearly print an email address where you can be contacted regarding your ballot status:

- () 4. I may not be able to vote at my polling place in my city or town on the day of the election.
If the ballot is not being mailed to your voter registration address (BOX A) please provide the **address within the United States** where you are temporarily residing in BOX B above.
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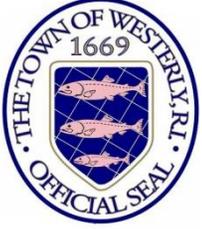


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