

**BE SURE TO GIVE YOURSELF ENOUGH TIME TO COLLECT THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF SIGNATURES ON THE
'Petition for Change'**

- May 2, 2018:** Budget Published
- May 3, 2018 – May 10, 2018:** Question(s) brought to the Town Clerk to be placed on a "Petition for Change" form
- May 10, 2018 by 4:00 P.M.:** COMPLETED Petition **WITH** the required number of signatures must be returned to the Board of Canvassers

INSTRUCTIONS TO PETITIONER TO AMEND THE PROPOSED BUDGET

1. The Petitioner must submit the question(s) to be placed on the 'Petition for Change' to the Town Clerk **EXACTLY** the way it is to be presented to the voters. Be sure that it is in the form of a question. It is the *suggestion* of the Board of Canvassers that the Petitioner seek legal advice as to the validity of the question.
2. The question(s) will be placed on a 'Petition for Change' by the Board of Canvassers, verified by the Petitioner that it is correct, and certified copies issued to the Petitioner for circulation. Be sure to word your question so it is clear what the voter will be voting on by answering Approve or Reject.
3. The certified copies of the 'Petition for Change' must be signed by 547 (3% of 18,225) or more electors qualified to vote on financial matters of the Town. (Town Charter 3-1-5(c))
4. The certified copies, signed by the circulator and notarized, must be returned to the Board of Canvassers no later than **4:00 P.M. on May 10, 2018** (the eighth day following the publishing of the budget).
5. The signatures must be validated by the Board of Canvassers by **May 15, 2018** (within three days).
6. A referendum shall be held no later than **June 18, 2018**, (within thirty-two days of validation of the signatures) at such polling place or places as may be designated by the Board of Canvassers.

The first page of the 'Petition for Change' will appear as follows:

PETITION FOR CHANGE
TO THE FY 2018/2019 BUDGET FOR THE
TOWN OF WESTERLY

To be returned to the Local Board of Canvassers not later than 4:00 P.M. on **May 10, 2018**

Pursuant to Section 3-1-5 of the Charter of the Town of Westerly, we the undersigned, being qualified electors of the Town of Westerly, do hereby petition to increase/decrease and change the proposed FY 2018/2019 budget adopted by the Town Council on Wednesday, April 25, 2018.

Question(s):

APPROVE or REJECT

OR

YES or NO

Budget Published: May 2, 2018
Petition Filed For Circulation:

ATTEST:

Donna L. Giordano, MMC
Town Clerk