

Shall an Act, passed at the 1990 session of the general assembly, entitled 'An Act authorizing the town of westerly to finance the acquisition of the **Pond View Country Club** nine hole **golf course** and to issue not more than \$2,200,000 bonds and/or notes therefor' be approved?

Approve – 2,867
Reject – 3,160

Shall an Act, passed at the 1990 session of the general assembly, entitled 'An Act authorizing the Town of Westerly to finance the acquisition of certain real property known as the **Felicetti** property and to issue not more than \$250,000 bonds and/or notes therefor' be approved?

Approve – 1,423
Reject – 4,143

Shall an Act, passed at the 1990 session of the general assembly entitled 'An Act authorizing the Town of Westerly to finance the costs associated with the **closure of the Town's landfill** and to issue not more than \$600,000 bonds and/or notes therefor' be approved?

Approve – 3,426
Reject – 2,266

Shall an Act, passed at the 1990 session of the general assembly, entitled 'An Act authorizing the Town of Westerly to finance the acquisition of the **Westerly Savings and Loan building for municipal purposes** and to issue not more than \$650,000 bonds and/or notes therefor' be approved?

Approve – 1,380
Reject – 4,160

Shall an Act, passed at the 1990 session of the general assembly, entitled 'An Act authorizing the Town of Westerly to finance the renovation and improvement of the Westerly **public soccer field** and to issue not more than \$250,000 bonds and/or notes therefor' be approved?

Approve – 3,027
Reject – 2,750

Shall an act passed by the general assembly at its January 1990 session, entitled 'An Act relating to Zoning Ordinances in the Town of Westerly' (which allows the **Town Manager to appoint the Zoning Inspector**), be approved?

Approve – 2,856
Reject – 2,808

3/19/1991

LOCAL REFERENDA

(10,732 REG VOTERS)

25.20%

Shall an act passed at the 1991 Session of the general assembly entitled 'An act authorizing the Town of Westerly to Finance the acquisition of certain land, buildings and improvements thereon located at Ward Avenue, Park Avenue and Linden Street in the Town of Westerly to be used for school purposes and/or recreational purposes and/or municipal offices and to issue not more than \$625,000 bonds and notes therefor' be approved?

Approve – 1,418
Reject – 1,286

5/14/1991

FISCAL AFFAIRS REFERENDUM (10,742 REG VOTERS)

23.65%

Shall the Town of Westerly reduce in the FY 1991-1992 \$419,326.00 from the School Department budget, fund #105 – Dept. 2200?

Approve – 1,343
Reject – 1,197

5/14/1992

FISCAL AFFAIRS REFERENDUM (

30.31%

Shall the Town of Westerly increase the following account as listed in the FY 1992-93 budget adopted by the Town Council April 15, 1992? Department #1911 Capital Improvements School from \$78,700 to \$508,700

Approve – 1,434
Reject – 1,913

Shall the Town of Westerly increase the following account as listed in the FY 1992-93 budget adopted by the Town Council April 15, 1992? Department #2200 School from \$19,080,516 to \$19,858,150.

Approve – 1,447
Reject – 1,899

6/2/1992

LOCAL REFERENDA

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16.33%

Shall the Charter be amended to change the Council-Manager form of government to a Council and Elected Mayor form of government?

Approve – 577
Reject – 1,241

Shall Section 8-1-3 of the Charter be amended to provide that an auxiliary member be appointed to the Board of Assessment Review to sit as an active member of the Board when and if a member of the Board is unable to serve at any hearing?

Approve – 1,248
Reject – 459

Shall Section 11-1-7 of the Charter be amended to change the date that the School Committee is required to submit its budget to the manager from January 24, to the second Monday of December?

Approve – 1,010
Reject – 700

Shall Section 3-1-2 of the **Charter** be amended to change the **membership** of the **Board of Finance** from **six (6)** members **to five (5)** members and the **term** of each member **from six (6)** years **to five (5)** years?

Approve – 1,308
Reject – 399

Shall Article III of the **Charter** be amended 1) to change the **date** the Town Manager is required by Section 3-1-3 to **submit a proposed budget** to the Finance Board from February 1 to the second Monday of January; 2) to change the requirement of Section 3-1-4 that the Finance Board hold its **first meeting** to consider the recommended annual budget **not later than February 15**, to require the Finance Board to hold **separate meetings** on the **school and municipal budgets** as soon as practicable after the budget is submitted; and 3) to change the requirement of Section 3-1-4 that the Finance Board conduct **two public hearings** on the Town budget to require that the Finance Board conduct **separate public hearings for the school and municipal budgets**?

Approve – 1,011
Reject – 673

Shall Section 3-1-5 of the **Charter** be amended 1) to **eliminate** the requirement that the **Council make any revisions to the budget** within ten (10) days of receiving the recommendations of the Board of Finance and **hold one (1) public hearing** and 2) to add the requirement that the **council hold two (2) public hearings on separate days** to be concluded no later than the first Monday in April?

Approve – 996
Approve – 661

Shall Section 3-1-5 of the **Charter** be amended to change the time for holding a **budget referendum** after signatures are validated by the Board of Canvassers, **from seven (7) days to thirty-five (35) days** and to **require that mail ballots** and emergency ballots be available for budget referenda?

Approve – 997
Reject – 670

Shall Article III of the **Charter** be amended 1) to require the Town Manager to **submit a water and sewer budget**, or any enterprise fund budget to the board of Finance by the first Monday in March; 2) to require the finance Board to transmit its recommendations to the Council not later than the first day of May; 3) to require the Council to make revisions within fifteen (15) days of receiving the water and sewer budget, or any enterprise fund budget from the Board of Finance and to require a public hearing in case the Council makes any such revisions; and 4) to require that water, sewer, and any enterprise fund budget be published, amended, administered and that appropriations lapse in the same manner as provided by the Charter for the Town Budget?

Approve – 1,261
Reject – 428

5/25/1993 **FISCAL AFFAIRS REFERENDUM** **35.49%**

Shall the Town of Westerly increase the following account as listed in the FY 1993-1994 budget adopted by the Town Council March 30, 1993? Department No. 2200 School from \$20,500,000 to \$21,750,000.

Approve – 1,967
Reject – 2,359

5/26/1994 **FISCAL AFFAIRS REFERENDUM** **25.35%**

Shall the Town of Westerly decrease any or all of the following accounts as listed in the FY 1994-95 budget adopted by the Town Council on March 30, 1994?

#1329 Downtown Task Force from \$3,500 to \$0	Approve – 1,467 Reject – 1,703
#1911 Capital Improvements School from \$553,000 to \$153,000	Approve – 1,359 Reject – 1,840
#1801 Restricted Program Acct #50538 YMCA from \$50,000 to \$0	Approve – 1,681 Reject – 1,509
#1801 Restricted Program Acct #50537 Well Testing from \$30,000 to \$0	Approve – 1,424 Reject – 1,741
#1702 Economical Development from \$14,418 to \$0	Approve – 1,505 Reject – 1,663
#1406 Park and Recreation Maintenance Acct #40103 Seasonal Wages from \$54,300 to \$44,300	Approve – 1,447 Reject – 1,734
#1337 Chamber of Commerce Acct #50299 from \$25,000 to \$12,500	Approve – 1,579 Reject – 1,611
#1402 Recreation & Leisure from \$67,760 to \$50,000	Approve – 1,498 Reject – 1,693
#2200 School Department from \$21,627,500 to \$21,427,500	Approve – 1,404 Reject – 1,805

6/21/1994 LOCAL REFERENDA 40.57%

Shall an act, passed at the 1994 session of the general assembly entitled 'An act authorizing the Town of Westerly to finance the **acquisition** of certain **land** and the **construction** of a **school facility**, additions to and the renovation and repair of existing school facilities, the purchase of educational instructional equipment, school furnishings and to issue not more than **\$19,000,000** general obligation bonds and/or notes therefor' be approved?

Approve – 3,320
Reject – 1,728

11/8/1994 GENERAL ELECTION (12,818 Reg voters) 58%

Shall the Town of Westerly continue the pay-by-the-bag trash disposal system?

Approve – 3,289
Reject – 2,742

6/20/1995 LOCAL REFERENDA 4.20%

Shall an act passed at the 1995 session of the general assembly entitled 'An act authorizing the Town of Westerly to issue general obligation bonds and notes in an amount not exceeding four hundred seventy-five thousand dollars

(\$475,000) to finance the construction and expansion of **sewers** and sewerage systems in the **Franklin Street and Riverdale Gardens** areas of town' be approved?

Approve – 291
Reject – 196

Shall an act passed at the 1995 session of the general assembly entitled 'An act authorizing the Town of Westerly to issue general obligation bonds and notes in an amount not exceeding one million three hundred seventy-four thousand dollars (\$1,374,000) for the purpose of financing the construction and expansion of **sewers** and sewerage systems into **Mockingbird Lane**, Lovat Lane, East Avenue (from intersection with Butterfly Drive to intersection with Watch Hill Road), Babcock Road, Davis Street, David Street, Stone Hill Drive, Brass Ring Road, Cedar Crest Drive, Fairfield Drive, Westview Drive and Birch Drive areas of town' be approved?

Approve – 271
Reject – 219

6/18/1996

LOCAL REFERENDUM

10.73%

Shall an act passed at the 1996 session of the general assembly entitled 'An act authorizing the Town of Westerly to issue bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness to an amount not exceeding \$515,000 to finance the construction, renovation and expansion of the Westerly **Senior Citizens' Center**' be approved?

Approve – 805
Reject – 514

5/22/1997

FISCAL AFFAIRS REFERENDUM

14.47%

Shall the taxpayers of the Town of Westerly reduce and alter the resolutions of the Town Council's adopted 1997-98 budget from \$38,957,208 to \$38,671,436 as follows?

0010 General Property Tax from \$30,692,316 to \$30,146,174	
Acct 40101 Current Prop Taxes	(-\$571,142)
Acct 40105 Town Tax Interest	(+\$25,000)
0013 Use of Property and Money from \$400,000 to \$500,000	
Acct 40410 Interest on Invest	(+\$100,000)
0015 State Grants-In-Aid-Schools from \$4,000,000 to \$4,100,000	
Acct 40550 School Oper	(+\$100,000)
0017 Revenue from local sources from \$1,485,790 to \$1,546,160	
Acctt 40656 Trash Bag Receipts	(+\$60,370)
0601 Town Manager from \$122,523 to \$101,523	
Acct 50038 Administrative Asst	(-\$21,000)
0701 Finance Department from \$299,095 to \$284,095	
Acct 50046 Purchasing Agent	(-\$15,000)
0801 Insurance from \$327,390 to \$300,000	
Acct 50295 Contractual Service	(-\$27,390)
0803 Pension Benefits from \$1,066,022 to \$926,181	
Acct 50512 Union Pension Pay	(-\$13,441)
Acct 50513 Police Pension Fund	(-\$120,000)
Acct 50514 State Municipal/ICMA	(-\$6,400)
0804 Social Security from \$211,636 to \$189,037	
Acct 50295 Contractual Service	(-\$22,599)
0805 Employee Group Ins from \$554,963 to \$518,062	
Acct 50295 Contractual Service	(-\$36,901)
1105 Div of Highway and Drainage from \$701,352 to \$700,536	
Acct 50016 Public Works Supt.	(-\$816)

Approve – 4,146
Reject – 1,084

Shall an act, passed at the 1998 session of the General Assembly, entitled 'An act authorizing the Town of Westerly to issue bonds and notes to an amount not exceeding \$255,000 to finance the construction and expansion of **sewers** and sewerage systems in the Pickering Drive and Butterfly Drive areas of Town' be approved?

Approve – 2,807
Reject – 2,307

05/20/1999 FISCAL AFFAIRS REFERENDUM 29.00%

Shall the taxpayers of the Town of Westerly reduce and alter the Resolutions of the Town Council's adopted 1999-2000 budget from \$44,041,585 to \$42,076,100 as follows:

- 0803 Pension from \$1,148,619 to \$1,048,619
 - Acct 50513 Police Pension Fund (-\$100,000)
- 1001 Public Safety & Protection from \$2,796,744 to \$2,699,744
 - Acct 50058 Patrol Officer (-\$22,000)
 - Acct 50104 Overtime & Standby (-\$75,000)
- 1801 Restricted Programs from \$1,039,215 to \$928,215
 - Acct 50437 Pick-up Truck (-\$36,000)
 - Acct 50406 Shakespeare Grant (-\$75,000)
- 1910 Capital Improvements from \$872,545 to \$397,545
 - 50414 Highway Garage (-\$200,000)
 - 50427 Parking Garage (-\$200,000)
 - 50470 Window Repair/Refurbishing (-\$75,000)
- 2200 School from \$28,626,947 to \$27,444,462 (-\$1,182,485)

Approve – 2,046
Reject – 2,091

05/09/2000 LOCAL REFERENDA 2.23%

Shall the Town of Westerly borrow an additional seven hundred thousand dollars (\$700,000) for the purpose of financing the construction and expansion of **sewers** and sewerage systems into Mockingbird Lane, Lovat Lane, East Avenue (from intersection with Watch Hill Road), Babcock Road, Gileo Drive formerly Davis Street), David Street, Stone Hill Drive, Brass Ring Road, Cedar Crest Drive, Fairfield Drive, Westview Drive and Birch Drive areas of the Town?

Approve – 252
Reject – 71

Shall the Town of Westerly borrow an additional one hundred and ninety five thousand dollars (\$195,000) for the purpose of financing the construction and expansion of **sewers** and sewerage system into Mary Lou Avenue in the Town of Westerly?

Approve – 252
Reject – 74

12/19/2000 LOCAL REFERENDUM 14.31%

Shall the Town of Westerly borrow eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) for the purpose of financing the construction and extension of **sewers** and sewage system into the **Misquamicut** area in the Town of Westerly?

01010019	Prior Year Surplus	408100	\$1,200,000	\$1,400,000	\$+200,000
01010017	Planner Grant	406193	45,000	0	(-45,000)

01011908	Bond Beach Referendum	504313	330,000	0	(-330,000)
01011910	Beach Property Improvement	504291	50,000	25,000	(-25,000)
	Craig Field Basketball	504520	25,000	0	(-25,000)
	Police Vehicles	504020	104,000	78,000	(-26,000)
	Pumpout Boat (New)	506050	17,500	0	(-17,500)
01011911	Computer Technology	504545	200,000	150,000	(-50,000)
01011801	Roll Off Truck Lease	504651	32,000	0	(-32,000)
	Council Contingency	504089	10,000	0	(-10,000)
01011801	Audit	504087	75,000	0	(-75,000)
01011108	Forensic Audit D.P.W. Sanitation	504087	0	75,000	+75,000
01011091	Telephone – Cellular Phones	502100	55,000	40,000	(-15,000)
01011701	Assistant Planner	500210	37,592	0	(-37,592)
01011103	Alternate Bldg Official	500510	38,000	15,953	(-22,047)
01011101	Dir. of D.P.W.	500090	15,015	0	(-15,015)
01011108	Dir. of D.P.W.	500090	7,507	0	(-7,507)
01011403	Dir. of D.P.W.	500090	3,754	0	(-3,754)
01011406	Dir. of D.P.W.	500090	3,753	0	(-3,753)
01011101	Town Engineer	500140	0	12,756	+12,756
01010099	School Appropriation	502950	39,062,465	38,712,465	(-350,000)
01011308	Watch Hill Bus Assoc	506690	5,000	0	(-5,000)
01011305	Subsidies Level Funded At 2003 Adopted		150,500	147,500	(-3,000)

LOWER EXPENDITURE ADOPTED 3/26/03 \$965,412.00
 INCREASE REVENUE ADOPTED 3/26/03 \$155,000.00

Approve – 1,480
 Reject – 1,872

06/17/2003 REFERENDA (15,822 Reg Voters) 9.54%

Shall the Town of Westerly finance the **acquisition and improvement of land** described as those certain lots or parcels of land situated on the northerly and southerly side of Atlantic Avenue, so called, at **Misquamicut**, in the Town of Westerly, known as Westerly Tax Assessor’s Plat 166, Lots 4, 5, 6, 14, 15, and 18 (including demolition of existing buildings and improvements) for municipal, recreational and environmental purposes and approve the issuance of bonds and notes therefore in an amount not to exceed **\$4,000,000?**”

Approve – 874
Reject – 618

Shall the Town of Westerly sell at **public auction** to be held within 120 days of the date of this referendum, for a minimum bid price of not less than 3.2 million dollars, the **land** described as those certain lots or parcels of land situated on the northerly and southerly sides **of Atlantic Avenue**, so called, at Misquamicut, in the Town of Westerly, known as Westerly Tax Assessor’s Plat 166, Lots 4, 5, 6, 14, 15 and 18; provided in the event a minimum bid price of

APPROVE 1,388
REJECT 930

2. AMENDMENT TO THE WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER REGARDING AN APPOINTED LICENSING BOARD

(Resolution of the Town Council adopted December 27, 2004)

“Shall the Westerly Town Charter be amended to require that there be an appointed Licensing Board separate from the Town Council and established under such terms and conditions to be set by ordinance?”

APPROVE 1,528
REJECT 754

3. AMENDMENT TO THE WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER REGARDING BUDGET SUBMISSION TIMELINES

(Resolution of the Town Council adopted December 27, 2004)

“Shall the Westerly Town Charter be amended in section 11-1-7 to require that the School Committee shall submit detailed proposed budget estimates of receipts and expenditures to the Town Manager on or before the second Monday of January of each year?” And

“Shall the Westerly Town Charter be amended in section 3-1-3 to require that on the fourth Monday of January of each year, the Town Manager shall submit to the Finance Board, with copies to the Town Council, the proposed budget of the Town of Westerly?” And

“Shall the Westerly Town Charter be amended in section 3-1-4(c) to require that the Finance Board shall meet with the Council to transmit its recommendation(s) of the consolidated tentative Town budget to the Council no later than the second Monday in March?” And

“Shall the Westerly Town Charter be amended in section 3-1-5(a) to require that the Town Council shall review the recommendations of the Finance Board and shall make any revisions that it may deem necessary or desirable; in which case the Council shall make provisions for no less than two (2) public hearings, they are to be held on two (2) separate days and concluded no later than the second Monday in April?”

APPROVE 1,865
REJECT 398

11/07/2006

Registered Voters: 15,681

Votes Cast: 9,449

60.0%

General Election – Local Questions

1. AMENDMENT TO THE WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER (Resolution of the Town Council adopted June 12, 2006)

“Shall the Westerly Town Charter be amended to eliminate the Town Clerk as an Acting Probate Judge to conform to Rhode Island general laws?”

APPROVE 6,152
REJECT 2,594

2. AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES NOT MORE THAN \$3,000,000 (Resolution of the Town Council adopted August 7, 2006)

“Shall the Town of Westerly be authorized to issue general obligation bonds and notes in an amount up to three million dollars for the purpose of acquiring land and property for open space; recreation; wellhead protection and those purposes stated in the open space element of the Comprehensive Plan and/or the Municipal Land Trust Charter?”

APPROVE 5,734
REJECT 3,115

05/08/2007

Registered Voters: 14,544

Votes Cast: 2,803
Special Referendum

19.0 %

1. Vision 2020 Phase II School Building Project \$30,000,000 Bonds and Notes

Resolution of the Town Council adopted February 12, 2007

Shall the Town of Westerly be authorized to issue general obligation bonds and notes in an amount not to exceed thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) for the purpose of financing the construction, renovation, rehabilitation, repair, improvements, furnishing and equipping of and/or additions to schools and school facilities in the Town?

APPROVE 1,276
REJECT 1,518

2. Highway and Drainage Improvements \$5,-000,000 Bonds and Notes

Resolution of the Town Council adopted February 26, 2007

Shall the Town of Westerly be authorized to issue general obligation bonds and notes in an amount not to exceed five million dollars (\$5,000,000) for the purpose of financing the construction, renovation, rehabilitation, repair and improvements to town roads, sidewalks and drainage facilities?

APPROVE 1,528
REJECT 1,252

3. Non-Binding Question – Straight Party Ticket Ballot

Resolution of the Town Council adopted February 26, 2007

Should the state of Rhode Island abolish the practice of allowing voters to cast a straight party ticket ballot?

APPROVE 1,446
REJECT 1,300

11/04/2008

Registered Voters: 16,475

Votes Cast: 11,212
PREDIDENTIAL ELECTION

69.0 %

Questions 1 and 2 were State Questions

3. AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF BOND AND NOTES NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000,000

(Resolution of the Town Council adopted August 4, 2008)

APPROVE 5,375
REJECT 4,997

“Shall The Town Of Westerly Be Authorized To Issue General Obligation Bonds And Notes In An Amount Not To Exceed Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) For The Purpose Of Financing The Renovation, Rehabilitation, Repair, Improvement, Furnishing And Equipping Of The Westerly High School?”

4. AMENDMENT TO THE WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER

(Resolution of the Town Council adopted August 4, 2008)

“Shall The Town Charter Be Amended To Require The Town Finance Department To Publish A Financial Impact Statement Before Bond Issues Are Submitted For Voter Approval?”

APPROVE	8,418
REJECT	1,622

5. AMENDMENT TO THE WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER

(Resolution of the Town Council adopted August 4, 2008)

“Shall The Town Charter Be Amended To Require That The Town’s Web Site Include Information Pertaining To Town And School Department Agendas, Minutes, Reports, Budgets, Labor Contracts And Certain Other Public Records Which Are Required To Be Public By Law?”

APPROVE	8,338
REJECT	1,657

6. AMENDMENT TO THE WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER

(Resolution of the Town Council adopted August 4, 2008)

“Shall The Town Charter Be Amended To Require That The Town Finance Director Maintain Information On School Department Accounts And Include School Department Financial Data On His/Her Monthly Reports?”

APPROVE	8,404
REJECT	1,524

7. AMENDMENT TO THE WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER

(Resolution of the Town Council adopted August 4, 2008)

“Shall The Town Charter Be Amended To Require That The School Department Finance Director Provide All Financial Information As Requested By The Town Finance Director?”

APPROVE	8,684
REJECT	1,230

8. AMENDMENT TO THE WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER

(Resolution of the Town Council adopted August 4, 2008)

“Shall The Town Charter Be Amended To Require The Town Clerk To Publish Proposed School And Municipal Budgets On The Town’s Web Site?”

APPROVE	8,340
REJECT	1,621

9. AMENDMENT TO THE WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER

(Resolution of the Town Council adopted August 4, 2008)

“Shall The Town Charter Be Amended To Require The School Department To Submit Its Budget In Conformance With The State’s Uniform Chart Of Accounts?”

APPROVE	8,095
REJECT	1,539

10. AMENDMENT TO THE WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER

(Resolution of the Town Council adopted August 4, 2008)

“Shall The Town Charter Be Amended To Incorporate Updated State Code Of Ethics Language With Respect To Town And School Officials?”

APPROVE **7,867**
REJECT **1,799**

11. AMENDMENT TO THE WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER

(Resolution of the Town Council adopted August 4, 2008)

“Shall The Town Charter Be Amended To Formally Incorporate An Application, Interview And Merit Selection Process For The Municipal Court Judge And Prohibit Any Judge So Appointed From Belonging To Any Local Or State Political Committee Or Contributing Money To Any Political Candidate Or Party?”

APPROVE **7,502**
REJECT **2,095**

12. AMENDMENT TO THE WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER

(Resolution of the Town Council adopted August 4, 2008)

“Shall The Town Charter Be Amended To Formally Incorporate An Application, Interview And Merit Selection Process For The Town Probate Judge And Prohibit Any Judge So Appointed From Belonging To Any Local Or State Political Committee Or Contributing Money To Any Political Candidate Or Party And Shall The Probate Clerk’s Designation And Application Of Fees Be Clarified”

APPROVE **7,510**
REJECT **1,984**

13. AMENDMENT TO THE WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER

(Resolution of the Town Council adopted August 4, 2008)

“Shall The Town Charter Be Amended To Change The Term Of The Town Probate Judge From Two Years To Five Years?”

APPROVE **3,573**
REJECT **6,170**

14. AMENDMENT TO THE WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER

(Resolution of the Town Council adopted August 4, 2008)

“Shall The Town Charter Be Amended To Reduce The Number Of Signatures Needed For A Budget Referendum From 3% Of All Registered Voters To 1.5%?”

APPROVE **2,808**
REJECT **6,996**

15. AMENDMENT TO THE WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER

(Resolution of the Town Council adopted August 4, 2008)

“Shall The Town Charter Be Amended To Allow For The Appointment Of A Charter Revision Commission Upon The Filing Of A Petition Signed And Certified By 400 Registered Voters?”

APPROVE **5,640**
REJECT **3,749**

16. AMENDMENT TO THE WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER

(Resolution of the Town Council adopted August 4, 2008)

“Shall The Town Charter Be Amended To Require That Only A Senior Level Town Administrator May Serve As Acting Or Temporary Manager When Necessary?”

APPROVE 6,751
REJECT 2,888

17. AMENDMENT TO THE WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER

(Resolution of the Town Council adopted August 4, 2008)

“Shall The Town Charter Be Amended To Eliminate A Residency Requirement For The Town Manager Which Has Been Invalidated By Current State Law?”

APPROVE 5,131
REJECT 4,487

18. AMENDMENT TO THE WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER

(Resolution of the Town Council adopted August 4, 2008)

“Shall The Town Charter Be Amended To Require That Town Salaries Be Set During The Budget Process?”

APPROVE 8,389
REJECT 1,354

19. AMENDMENT TO THE WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER

(Resolution of the Town Council adopted August 4, 2008)

“Shall The Town Charter Be Amended To Incorporate The State ‘ Open Meetings’ And ‘Access To Public Records’ Acts In The Town Charter?”

APPROVE 8,319
REJECT 1,320

20. AMENDMENT TO THE WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER

(Resolution of the Town Council adopted August 4, 2008)

“Shall The Town Charter Be Amended To Allow For The Establishment Of A Town Advisory Architectural Review Board?”

APPROVE 5,686
REJECT 3,918

11/02/2010

Registered Voters: 16,381

Votes Cast: 7,889

48.16 %

GENERAL ELECTION

Questions 1 through 4 were State Questions

5. AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES NOT TO EXCEED \$6,500,000

(Resolution of the Town Council adopted July 19, 2010)

Shall the Town of Westerly be authorized to issue general obligation bonds and notes in an amount not to exceed six and a half million dollars (\$6,500,000) for the purposes of financing the construction, renovation, rehabilitation, repair and/or improvements to town roads, sidewalks, drainage facilities, the town hall, and other town infrastructure?

APPROVE 4,635
REJECT 2,620

6. AUTHORIZING NON-BINDING QUESTION

(Resolution of the Town Council adopted August 2, 2010)

Do the citizens of Westerly want consolidation of support staff between the Town and the School to continue?

APPROVE 5,484
REJECT 1,624

11/06/2012

Registered Voters: 17,027

Votes Cast: 10,527

61.83 %

GENERAL ELECTION

(Resolution of the Town Council adopted July 9, 2012 – Budget Timeline)

1. Shall the Westerly Town Charter be amended in section 3-1-3 to require that the submittal of the budget to the Board of Finance from the Town Manager be changed from the fourth Monday in January to the third Monday in February each year?
Approve 7,607
Reject 2,233

2. Shall the Westerly Town Charter be amended in section 3-1-4 (c) to require that the transmittal of the Board of Finance’s recommendation of the Town budget to the Town Council be changed from the second Monday in March to the first Monday in April?
Approve 6,773
Reject 2,349

3. Shall the Westerly Town Charter be amended in section 3-1-5 (a) to require that the Council shall hold at least two public hearings on the Budget, which shall be held on two separate days, and that the conclusion of the hearings be changed from the second Monday in April to the fourth Wednesday in April?
Approve 7,607
Reject 1,509

4. Shall the Westerly Town Charter be amended in section 3-1-5 (d) to require that the number of days for the Board of Canvassers to check the validity of signatures on a petition(s) be reduced from seven days to three days, and a referendum would be held within 32 days, not 35 days, of validation by the Board of Canvassers?
Approve 5,747
Reject 3,424

5. Shall the Westerly Town Charter be amended in section 3-1-10 to require that the submittal of the enterprise fund budgets to the Board of Finance from the Town Manager be changed from the first Monday in March to the first Monday in April of each year, and the transmittal of the Board of Finance’s recommendations to the Town Council be changed from not later than the first day of May, to not later than the first Monday of June?
Approve 6,666
Reject 2,404

6. Shall the Westerly Town Charter be amended in section 3-1-12 to eliminate the reference to section 3-1-6, and to strike the words "or as amended by referendum", since there is no provision in the Charter for a referendum on the enterprise fund budgets, rendering the text inconsistent?

Approve 6,863
Reject 2,040

7. Shall the Westerly Town Charter be amended in section 11-1-7 to require that the submittal of the School Committee's proposed budget to the Town Manager be changed from the second Monday of January of each year to the first Monday of February of each year?

Approve 7,007
Reject 2,152

04/24/2014

Registered Voters: 17,442

Votes Cast: 1,076
SPECIAL BOND REFERENDUM

6.15 %

Shall the Town of Westerly be authorized to issue general obligation bonds and notes in an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000.00 (One million three hundred thousand dollars) for the purpose of financing the purchase of twelve certain undeveloped parcels of land located generally in the Bradford area (sometimes referred to as "Lucey Property" for the purpose of placing said Properties into Open Space? Said Lots are identified by Westerly Tax Assessor's as AP no. 53, lot 18; AP no.54 lot 2; AP no. 54 lot 1; AP no. 43 lot 41; AP no. 53 lot 20; AP no. 53 lot 20a; AP no. 65 lot 2; AP no. 64 lot 1; AP no. 64 lot 2; AP no. 75 lot 3; AP no. 75 lot 3a and AP no. 44 lot 10.

Approve 828
Reject 248

11/04/2014

Registered Voters: 17,703

Votes Cast: 7,658
General Election

43.26%

1. Shall the Town of Westerly finance the construction, renovation, rehabilitation, repair and improvements to Town roads, sidewalks and drainage facilities through the issuance of bonds and notes therefor in an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000?

Approve 5,793
Reject 1,405

2. Shall the Town of Westerly finance the construction and installation of an artificial turf field at Westerly High School through the issuance of bonds and notes therefor in an amount not to exceed \$975,000?

Approve 2,601
Reject 4,622

11/10/2015

Registered Voters: 17,241

Votes Cast: 442

2.56%

CHARTER REVISION REFERENDA
(Resolution of the Town Council adopted September 14, 2015)

1. "Shall Section 2-1-9(f) of the Charter be amended to include a provision that members of boards or commissions can only be removed for cause?"

Approve 338
Reject 102

2. "Shall Section 3-1-2 of the Charter be amended to remove the restriction that a member of the Finance Board cannot hold an appointed or elected position or office in the state or region, so long as the board is not affected by any action of the state or regional position or office?"

Approve 234
Reject 207

3. "Shall Section 15-1-1(a)(2) of the Charter be amended to allow 3% or more of the electorate to petition the Town Council for a charter revision either through a charter commission or by placing the question directly on the ballot?"

Approve 319
Reject 119

4. "Shall Section 2-1-4 of the Charter be amended to adjust Council salaries only during the annual budget process?"

Approve 370
Reject 72

5. "Shall Section 2-1-9(b) of the Charter be amended to allow the Council to appoint a Town Manager for a definite term?"

Approve 285
Reject 156

6. "Shall Section 4-1-3 of the Charter be amended to allow the Council to appoint a temporary or interim Town Manager in the event of the disability, incapacity, resignation or death of the Town Manager?"

Approve 381
Reject 59

7. "Shall Section 13-1-1 of the Charter be amended to allow the Council to appoint a Solicitor for an indefinite term and to restrict the Council from discharging the Solicitor except upon a majority vote of the Council?"

Approve 274
Reject 166

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER 8, 2016

18,225 ELIGIBLE VOTERS

63% VOTER TURNOUT

7,635 at the polls, 3,859 mail ballots

(Questions 1-7 – State 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 – 4,853
Reject – 5,353

9. AMENDMENT TO WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER PROPOSED BY THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

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

“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 – 3,940
Reject – 5,926

10. AMENDMENT TO WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER PROPOSED BY THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

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

“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 – 7,061
Reject – 2,807

11. AMENDMENT TO WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER PROPOSED BY THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

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

“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 – 7,548
Reject – 2,238

12. AMENDMENT TO WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER PROPOSED BY THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

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

“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 – 7,159
Reject – 2,647

13. AMENDMENT TO WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER PROPOSED BY THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

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

“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?”

Approve – 7,085
Reject – 2,525

14. AMENDMENT TO WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER PROPOSED BY THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

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

“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?”

Approve – 7,338

Reject – 2,217

15. AMENDMENT TO WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER PROPOSED BY THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

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

“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?”

Approve – 6,957

Reject – 2,569

16. AMENDMENT TO WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER PROPOSED BY THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

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

“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?”

Approve – 7,853

Reject – 1,729

17. AMENDMENT TO WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER PROPOSED BY THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

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

“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?”

Approve – 6,882

Reject – 2,582

18. AMENDMENT TO WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER PROPOSED BY THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

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

“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?”

Approve – 5,768

Reject – 3,673

19. AMENDMENT TO WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER PROPOSED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

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

“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?”

Approve – 4,391
Reject – 5,085

20. AMENDMENT TO WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER PROPOSED BY THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

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

“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?”

Approve – 7,774
Reject – 1,864

21. AMENDMENT TO WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER PROPOSED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL
(Resolution of the Town Council adopted August 4, 2016)

“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?”

Approve – 4,637
Reject – 4,849

22. AMENDMENT TO WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER PROPOSED BY THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

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

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

Approve – 4,206
Reject – 5,071

23. AMENDMENT TO WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER PROPOSED BY THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

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

“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?”

Approve – 5,131
Reject – 4,125

24. AMENDMENT TO WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER PROPOSED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL
(Resolution of the Town Council adopted August 4, 2016)

“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?”

Approve – 3,974
Reject – 5,529

25. AMENDMENT TO WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER PROPOSED BY THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

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

“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?”

Approve – 5,671
Reject – 3,539

26. AMENDMENT TO WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER PROPOSED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

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

“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?”

Approve – 4,275
Reject – 4,981

27. AMENDMENT TO WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER PROPOSED BY THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

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

“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?”

Approve – 6,725
Reject – 2,504

28. AMENDMENT TO WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER PROPOSED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

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

“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?”

Approve – 7,259
Reject – 2,103

29. AMENDMENT TO WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER PROPOSED BY THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

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

“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 – 6,872
Reject – 2,445

30. AMENDMENT TO WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER PROPOSED BY THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

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

“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 – 5,279
Reject – 3,984

31. AMENDMENT TO WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER PROPOSED BY THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

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

“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 – 4,470
Reject – 4,880

32. AMENDMENT TO WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER PROPOSED BY THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

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

“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 – 5,766
Reject – 3,591

33. AMENDMENT TO WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER PROPOSED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL
(Resolution of the Town Council adopted August 4, 2016)

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

Approve – 3,108
Reject – 6,220

34. AMENDMENT TO WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER PROPOSED BY THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

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

“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 – 7,796
Reject – 1,531

35. AMENDMENT TO WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER PROPOSED BY THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

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

“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 – 6,781
Reject – 2,363

36. AMENDMENT TO WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER PROPOSED BY THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

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

“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 – 7,496
Reject – 1,829

37. AMENDMENT TO WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER PROPOSED BY THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

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

“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 – 6,516
Reject – 2,510

38. AMENDMENT TO WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER PROPOSED BY THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

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

“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?”

Approve – 5,604
Reject – 3,472

39. AMENDMENT TO WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER PROPOSED BY THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

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

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

Approve – 6,110
Reject – 2,974

40. AMENDMENT TO WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER PROPOSED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

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

“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 – 5,269
Reject – 3,830

41. AMENDMENT TO WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER PROPOSED BY THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

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

“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 – 7,279
Reject – 1,903

42. AMENDMENT TO WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER PROPOSED BY THE CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION

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

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

Approve – 8,006
Reject – 1,347

BOND REFERENDUM

NOVEMBER 13, 2017

17,907 ELIGIBLE VOTERS
275 at the polls, 237 mail ballots (one blank)

2.8% VOTER TURNOUT

AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,664,000
(Resolution of the Town Council adopted September 18, 2017)

"Shall the Town of Westerly finance sewer system infrastructure improvements through the issuance of general obligation bonds and notes therefor in an amount not to exceed \$1,664,000?"

Approve – 429
Reject – 82

GENERAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER 6, 2018

18,568 ELIGIBLE VOTERS
7,636 at the polls, 1,671 mail

41% VOTER TURNOUT

**AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000,000**
(Resolution of the Town Council adopted June 11, 2018)

4. Shall the Town of Westerly finance the 2018 road and bridge infrastructure improvements through the issuance of bonds and notes therefore in an amount not to exceed \$15,000,000?

Approve – 6,727
Reject – 1,873

CHARTER AMENDMENT RE: COUNCIL VACANCY

5. (Art. II, Chapter 1, §3 "Vacancies")

Shall the Westerly Town Charter be amended to fill council vacancies in the following manner:

- The next runner up from the preceding general election shall be afforded the right to assume the office; then
- If none of the top three (3) runners up assume the office and it is less than a year since the preceding election, a special election shall be held; or
- If none of the top three (3) runners up assume the office and it is at least a year since the preceding election, then the Council shall attempt to appoint a qualified person to the office?

Approve – 6,145
Reject – 2,294

CHARTER AMENDMENT RE: REDUNDANT ETHICS COMMISSION

6. (Art. II, Chapter 1 §13 "Code of Ethics")

Shall the redundant local ethics commission be removed from the Town Charter since all Town of Westerly public officials and employees are subject to the Rhode Island Ethics Commission?

Approve – 5,583
Reject – 2,827

CHARTER AMENDMENT RE: ADMINISTRATION OF TOWN FINANCES

7. (Art III, Chapter 1, §7 "Amendments after Adoption", Art. VII "Finance Department", Chapter 1, §1 "Organization" and §4 "Powers and Duties")

Shall the Westerly Town Charter be amended to address the following issues regarding the administration of the Town Finances:

- Clarify that only the Town Manager has the authority to appoint and remove employees
- Clarify the distinction between the Town and School financial officers?

Approve – 5,896
Reject – 2,513

SPECIAL REFERENDUM

OCTOBER 10, 2019

18,595 ELIGIBLE VOTERS

21.1% VOTER TURNOUT

3,924 Total Ballots Cast, 3,007 Election Day, 917 Mail Ballots

AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$71,410,000

(Resolution of the Town Council adopted June 17, 2019)

1. "Shall an Act, passed at the 2019 session of the General Assembly, entitled, 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WESTERLY TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$71,410,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 35% FOR EXPENDITURES ELIGIBLE FOR STATE AID AND PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY ANY GRANT RECEIVED FROM THE SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY CAPITAL FUND' be approved?"

Approve – 1,726
Reject – 2,180

QUESTIONS 2 – 4
AMENDMENTS TO THE WESTERLY HOME RULE CHARTER
PROPOSED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL
(Resolutions of the Town Council adopted August 5, 2019)

2. "Shall the Westerly Town Charter be updated to remove term limits for the Town Council?"

Approve – 948
Reject – 2,904

3. "Shall the Westerly Town Charter be amended to permit submission of a proposed budget on the third Monday in March?"

Approve – 2,853
Reject - 930

4. "Shall the Westerly Town Charter be amended to permit submission of a proposed School Committee budget on the first Monday in March?"

Approve – 2,870
Reject – 917

NOVEMBER 3, 2020

GENERAL ELECTION
19,430 ELIGIBLE VOTERS
4975 Election day polls,
7960 mail
Total Votes - 12935

66.57% VOTER TURNOUT

AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION Bonds
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000,000
(Resolution of the Town Council adopted July 20, 2020)

2. WINNAPaug POND AQUATIC ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION PROJECT \$1,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES (Resolution of the Town Council adopted July 20, 2020) Shall the Town of Westerly finance the 35% non-federal local cost-share for the construction phase of the USACOE Winnapaug Pond Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Project through the issuance of bonds and notes therefore in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000?

Approve – 8,045
Reject – 3,725

AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES
IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,550,000
(Resolution of the Town Council adopted June 29, 2020)

3. WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES \$1,550,000 BONDS AND NOTES (Resolution of the Town Council adopted June 29, 2020) Shall the Town of Westerly finance matching funds to finance improvements to the Westerly Wastewater Treatment Facilities including strengthening resilience of wastewater collection and treatment infrastructure through the issuance of bonds and notes therefore in an amount not to exceed \$1,550,000?

Approve – 9,377

CHARTER AMMENDMENT RE: DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

(Resolution of the Town Council adopted July 20, 2020)

4. AMENDMENT TO THE WESTERLY TOWN CHARTER RE: DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS (Resolution of the Town Council adopted July 20, 2020) Shall the Westerly Town Charter be amended to eliminate the position of Director of the Department of Public Works from the Town Charter?

Reject - 5,821
Approve – 5,398

MAY 4, 2021	SPECIAL REFERENDA	
	19.327 ELIGIBLE VOTERS	5.14%
	515 Election Day – Polls	
	187 Mail	
	292 Emergency/Early In-Person	
	Total Votes – 994	

SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES
\$2,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES
(Resolution of the Town Council adopted February 22, 2021)

1. Shall an Act, passed at the 2021 session of the General Assembly, entitled 'An act authorizing the Town of Westerly to issue not to exceed \$2,000,000 general obligation bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness to finance the construction, renovation, improvement, alteration, repair, furnishing and equipping of schools and school facilities in the Town' be approved?

APPROVE – 727
REJECT - 264

ROAD AND SIDEWALK INFRASTRUCTURE AND RELATED WATER LINE IMPROVEMENTS
\$11,000,000 BONDS AND NOTES

(Resolution of the Town Council adopted March 2, 2021)

2. Shall an Act, passed at the 2021 session of the General Assembly, entitled 'An act authorizing the Town of Westerly to issue not to exceed \$11,000,000 general obligation bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness to finance the construction of road and sidewalk infrastructure improvements and related water line improvements in the Town' be approved?

APPROVE – 784
REJECT - 209

GENERAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER 8, 2022

19,578 ELIGIBLE VOTERS

49.79% VOTER TURNOUT

Total Votes - 9,747
Election Day – 6,246
Mail Ballots – 1,294
Early Voting – 2,207

QUESTION #4

**AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000,000
Local Act 25 and Local Act 26 of 2022
(Resolution of the Town Council adopted August 5, 2022)**

QUESTION:

Shall an Act, passed at the 2022 session of the General Assembly, entitled, 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WESTERLY TO ISSUE NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS TO FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, IMPROVEMENT, ALTERATION, REPAIR, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING OF SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE TOWN, SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF STATE HOUSING AID AT A REIMBURSEMENT RATE OR STATE SHARE RATIO OF NOT LESS THAN 35% FOR EXPENDITURES ELIGIBLE FOR STATE AID AND PROVIDED THAT THE AUTHORIZATION SHALL BE REDUCED BY ANY GRANT RECEIVED FROM THE SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY CAPITAL FUND' be approved?

Approve	Polling place: 3914 Mail ballots: 892 Early Voting: 1411	6217	68.0%
Reject	Polling place: 1993 Mail ballots: 312 Early Voting: 619	2924	32.0%

QUESTION #5

**RHODE ISLAND CANNABIS ACT – MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY
(Sec. 21-28. 11-15(a) and (b) Cannabis Act)
(Resolution of the Town Council adopted June 21, 2022)**

QUESTION:

Shall new cannabis related licenses for businesses involved in the cultivation, manufacture, laboratory testing and for the retail sale of adult recreational use cannabis be issued in the Town?

Approve	Polling place: 3394 Mail ballots: 588 Early Voting: 1105	5087	55.0%
Reject	Polling place: 2580 Mail ballots: 627 Early Voting: 948	4155	45.0%

QUESTION #6
TOWN COUNCIL TERM LIMITS
(Article II, Town Council, Chapter I, §2-1-1 Number, selection, term.)

QUESTION:

Effective beginning the General Election of 2024, should § 2-1-1 of the Town Charter be amended to state that Town Councilors shall be elected to staggered terms, as follows: The top four (4) vote earning members will serve for four (4) years, the following three (3) vote earning members will serve for two (2) years. No Town Councilor will be able to serve for more than eight (8) consecutive years?

Approve	Polling place: 4237 Mail ballots: 848 Early Voting: 1446	6531	71.9%
Reject	Polling place: 1600 Mail ballots: 373 Early Voting: 584	2557	28.1

QUESTION #7
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
(Article X, Department of Public Works, Chapter I, §10-1-1 Organization.)

QUESTION:

Should § 10-1-1 of the Town Charter be amended to eliminate the vacant position known as the “Director of Public Works”? The positions of Superintendent of Public Works and Superintendent of Utilities shall remain.

Approve	Polling place: 4188 Mail ballots: 885 Early Voting: 1451	6524	72.6%
Reject	Polling place: 1585 Mail ballots: 324 Early Voting: 549	2458	27.4%

QUESTION #8
DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
(Article XII, Planning and Zoning, Chapter IV, §12-4-1 through 12-4-5 Director of Development Services.)

QUESTION:

Should § 12-4-1 through § 12-4-5 of the Town Charter be amended to eliminate the vacant position known as the “Director of Development Services” and all references to it?

Approve	Polling place: 4066 Mail ballots: 838 Early Voting: 1396	6300	71.4%
Reject	Polling place: 1587 Mail ballots: 356 Early Voting: 582	2525	28.6%

QUESTION #9
RHODE ISLAND CODE OF ETHICS
(Article II, Town Council, Chapter I, §2-1-2 Qualification.)

QUESTION:

Should § 2-1-2 of the Town Charter be amended to be consistent with the Rhode Island Code of Ethics?

Approve	Polling place: 4278 Mail ballots: 912 Early Voting: 1531	6721	75.5%
Reject	Polling place: 1417 Mail ballots: 288 Early Voting: 474	2179	24.5%

QUESTION #10
INDEPENDENT AUDIT
(Article II, Town Council, Chapter I, §2-1-11 Independent audit.)

QUESTION:

Should § 2-1-11 of the Town Charter be amended to read: ‘The Town Council shall engage in the competitive bidding process set forth in the Rhode Island General Laws and seek proposals for an independent audit of the financial transactions and related documents of the Town annually, at the close of the preceding fiscal year, to be conducted by a certified public accountant holding a certificate from the state and having no personal interest in the financial transactions of the Town. Such examinations shall conform with generally accepted auditing standards and shall include all procedures necessary for the auditors to express an informed opinion of the financial practices and accounts. Once accepted by the Town Council, a copy of the audit report shall be filed with the Town Clerk and shall be a public record. The Town will comply with the standards set forth by the Office of the Auditor General which includes, but is not limited to, financial statement timeline and filing dates, competitive bidding requirements and Request for Proposal materials.’?

Approve	Polling place: 4615 Mail ballots: 1052 Early Voting: 1657	7324	82.7%
Reject	Polling place: 1066 Mail ballots: 136 Early Voting: 328	1530	17.3%

QUESTION #11
FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT PUBLICATION AND PUBLIC ACCESS
(Article II, Town Council, Chapter I, §2-1-9(i)(2))

QUESTION:

Should § 2-1-9(i)(2) of the Town Charter be amended to require that the number of days a financial impact statement provided by the Town finance department and published in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town and on the Town’s publicly accessible website for bond referenda be reduced from not later than sixty (60) days prior to approval, to not later than thirty (30) days prior to approval?

Approve	Polling place: 3793 Mail ballots: 737 Early Voting: 1320	5850	66.7%
Reject	Polling place: 1847 Mail ballots: 433 Early Voting: 643	2923	33.3

OFFICIAL RESULTS

STATISTICS

	TOTAL	Election Day	Mail Ballots	Early Voting
Registered Voters - Total	19,285			
Ballots Cast - Total	12,769	6,403	2,010	4,356
Ballots Cast - Blank	1,842	923	363	556
Voter Turnout - Total	66.21%			

6. FINANCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS \$18,000,000

(Resolution of the Town Council adopted July 15, 2024)

Shall The Town of Westerly be authorized to issue not to exceed \$18,000,000 general obligation bonds, notes and other evidences of indebtedness to finance the construction of road and sidewalk infrastructure improvements in the Town be approved?

BOND DEBT SERVICE

Loan Purpose	Estimated Coupon Rate	Fiscal Years	Principal	Interest	Total Debt Service
Roads, Sidewalks, Related Improvements	4.00%	2025-2045	\$18,000,000	\$8,490,000	\$26,490,000

- If approved, this bond will have the following fiscal impact per \$1,000 of assessed property value:

General Fund Total Debt Service	Estimated Tax Rate Increase Per \$1,000 2024-2025	Estimated Tax Rate Increase Per \$1,000 2025-2026	Estimated Tax Rate Increase Per \$1,000 2026-2027	Total Tax Increase Per \$1,000 2027-2045
\$26,490,000	\$0.00	\$0.17	\$0.17	\$0.17

ESTIMATED TAX RATE CHANGES BY HOME VALUE

Home Values	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00
2024-2025 Tax*	\$ 3,402.00	\$ 4,860.00	\$ 7,290.00	\$ 9,720.00
2025-2026 Tax	\$ 3,461.50	\$ 4,945.00	\$ 7,417.50	\$ 9,890.00
2026-2045 Tax				
Increase for				
Debt Service	\$ 59.50	\$ 85.00	\$ 127.50	\$ 170.00

* No fiscal impact in FY25, start paying debt service in FY26

Anticipation of Spending		Remaining
Year 1	\$ 6,000,000.00	\$ 12,000,000.00
Year 2	\$ 6,000,000.00	\$ 6,000,000.00
Year 3	\$ 6,000,000.00	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 18,000,000.00	\$ 18,000,000.00

BOND DEBT SERVICE

Town of Westerly, RI
Proposed Road Bonds
Estimated Rate
Dated June 15, 2025

Period Ending	Principal	Coupon	Interest	Debt Service	Bond Balance	Total Bond Value
06/30/2025					18,000,000	18,000,000
06/30/2026	605,000	4.000%	720,000	1,325,000	17,395,000	17,395,000
06/30/2027	630,000	4.000%	695,800	1,325,800	16,765,000	16,765,000
06/30/2028	655,000	4.000%	670,600	1,325,600	16,110,000	16,110,000
06/30/2029	680,000	4.000%	644,400	1,324,400	15,430,000	15,430,000
06/30/2030	705,000	4.000%	617,200	1,322,200	14,725,000	14,725,000
06/30/2031	735,000	4.000%	589,000	1,324,000	13,990,000	13,990,000
06/30/2032	765,000	4.000%	559,600	1,324,600	13,225,000	13,225,000
06/30/2033	795,000	4.000%	529,000	1,324,000	12,430,000	12,430,000
06/30/2034	825,000	4.000%	497,200	1,322,200	11,605,000	11,605,000
06/30/2035	860,000	4.000%	464,200	1,324,200	10,745,000	10,745,000
06/30/2036	895,000	4.000%	429,800	1,324,800	9,850,000	9,850,000
06/30/2037	930,000	4.000%	394,000	1,324,000	8,920,000	8,920,000
06/30/2038	970,000	4.000%	356,800	1,326,800	7,950,000	7,950,000
06/30/2039	1,005,000	4.000%	318,000	1,323,000	6,945,000	6,945,000
06/30/2040	1,045,000	4.000%	277,800	1,322,800	5,900,000	5,900,000
06/30/2041	1,090,000	4.000%	236,000	1,326,000	4,810,000	4,810,000
06/30/2042	1,130,000	4.000%	192,400	1,322,400	3,680,000	3,680,000
06/30/2043	1,180,000	4.000%	147,200	1,327,200	2,500,000	2,500,000
06/30/2044	1,225,000	4.000%	100,000	1,325,000	1,275,000	1,275,000
06/30/2045	1,275,000	4.000%	51,000	1,326,000		
	18,000,000		8,490,000	26,490,000		

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Mail Ballots	Early Voting
Approve	9,114	72.31%	4,389	1,482	3,243
Reject	2,324	18.44%	1,319	245	760
Total Votes Cast	11,438	90.75%	5,708	1,727	4,003

7. RIGHTS-OF-WAY TO SHORELINE

Shall Section 1-3-1 of the Westerly Town Charter be amended to include a provision that forbids the Town from conveying or abandoning any of its rights of way to the shoreline?

- If approved Section 1-3-1 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

The Town may acquire property within or without its corporate limits for any public purpose, in fee simple or any lesser interest or estate, by purchase, gift, lease, devise or condemnation, and may sell, lease, mortgage, hold, manage and control such property as its interests may require, except that the town shall not convey or abandon any of its interests in the rights of way to the shoreline: and, except as prohibited by the Constitution of this State, or restricted by this Charter, the Town shall have and may exercise all municipal powers, rights, privileges and immunities of every name and nature whatsoever.

Explanation

- This amendment will prohibit the Town from conveying or abandoning any of its interest in Rights of Way to the shoreline.

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Mail Ballots	Early Voting
Approve	8,531	67.68%	4,094	1,397	3,040
Reject	2,740	21.74%	1,494	324	922
Total Votes Cast	11,271	89.42%	5,588	1,721	3,962

8. OATH OF OFFICE

Shall Section 15-1-3 of the Westerly Town Charter be amended to insert the words "abide by" in place of "observe" in the oath of office for all officers of the Town; and shall Article II of the Westerly Town Charter be amended to include an affirmative statement that members of the Town Council shall abide by the Town Charter and Ordinances?

- If approved, the first sentence of Article II of the Charter would read as follows:

The Council shall abide by the provisions of the charter and ordinances of the Town of Westerly.

- If approved, Section 15-1-3 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

"I solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution and obey the laws of the United States of America and the State of Rhode Island; that I will in all respects, abide by the provisions of the Charter and ordinances of the Town of Westerly and will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of"

Explanation

- It is the intent of these proposed amendments to strengthen town officials' understanding of the importance of the Charter.

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Mail Ballots	Early Voting
Approve	9,686	76.85%	4,696	1,571	3,419
Reject	1,471	11.67%	837	142	492
Total Votes Cast	11,157	88.52%	5,533	1,713	3,911

9. TOWN COUNCIL TERM LIMITS

Shall Section 2-1-1 of the Westerly Town Charter be amended to limit a member of the Town Council to serving two consecutive terms, regardless of the length of the term?

- If approved, Section 2-1-3 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

No Town Councilor will be able to serve for more than two (2) consecutive terms.

Explanation

- This amendment would establish a term limit that no Town Councilor may serve more than two consecutive terms in office.

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Mail Ballots	Early Voting
Approve	9,470	75.13%	4,696	1,469	3,305
Reject	1,886	14.96%	962	260	664
Total Votes Cast	11,356	90.10%	5,658	1,729	3,969

10. TOWN COUNCIL AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Shall Section 2-1-3 of the Westerly Town Charter be amended to confirm the sequence of eligible candidates to fill a vacancy on the Town Council; and, further, to amend Section 11-1- 3 of the Westerly Town Charter to define the process for filling a vacancy on the School Committee in the same manner as filling a vacancy on the Town Council?

- If approved, the Section 2-1-3 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the membership of the Council by death, removal, out of town, resignation, or by neglect or refusal to qualify, or for any other cause, the right to assume the office shall be afforded sequentially by the Council to the first, second or third runner-up from the preceding election. If none of the top (3) runners up assume the office and it is less than one (1) year since the preceding election, a special election shall be held; or if none of the top three (3) runners up assume the office and it is at least one (1) year since the preceding election, the Council shall attempt to appoint a qualified person to the office.

- If approved, Section 11-1-3 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

Whenever a vacancy shall occur in the membership of the School Committee by death, removal, out of town, resignation, or by neglect or refusal to qualify, or for any other cause, the right to assume the office shall be afforded sequentially by the council to the first, second or third runner-up from the preceding election. If none of the top three (3) runners up assume the office and it is less than one (1) year since the preceding election, a special election shall be held; or if none of the top three (3) runners up assume the office and it is at least one (1) year since the preceding election, the Council shall attempt to appoint a qualified person to the office.

Explanation

- This proposed amendment establishes that any vacancy on the Town Council or School Committee would be filled by the candidate with the next highest vote total in the most recent election for Council and School Committee.

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Mail Ballots	Early Voting
Approve	9,198	72.91%	4,485	1,485	3,228
Reject	2,131	16.89%	1,150	233	748
Total Votes Cast	11,329	89.80%	5,635	1,718	3,976

11. OPEN CITIZEN'S COMMENT

Shall Sections 2-1-8 and 11-1-6 of the Westerly Town Charter be amended to include a requirement that a period of open citizen's comment be on the agenda at each meeting?

- If approved, the Section 2-1-8 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

The Council shall make provisions for a session of open comment prior to adjournment of each meeting.

- If approved, Section 11-1-6 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

The School Committee shall make provisions for a session of open comment prior to adjournment of each meeting.

Explanation

- This amendment would require that the Town Council and the School Committee provide for a session of open citizen's comment prior to the adjournment of each meeting.

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Mail Ballots	Early Voting
Approve	9,920	78.63%	4,856	1,579	3,485
Reject	1,368	10.84%	759	138	471
Total Votes Cast	11,288	89.47%	5,615	1,717	3,956

12. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSED TOWN AND SCHOOL BUDGETS

Sections 3-1-3 and 11-1-7 of the Westerly Town Charter be amended to require submission of a proposed budget on the first Monday in March to allow an adequate period of review by the Board of Finance?

- If approved, Section 3-1-3 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

On or before the first Monday in March of each year, the Town Manager shall submit to the Finance Board, with copies to the Town Council, the proposed budget of the Town of Westerly.

- If approved, Section 11-1-7 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

The School Committee shall submit its proposed budget in the prescribed format and with line-item details as required by the Board of Finance to the director of finance on or before the first Monday of March of each year.

Explanation

- This amendment requires the Town Manager to submit the proposed budget of the Town of Westerly to the Finance Board, with copies to the Town Council, on or before the 1st Monday in March of each year.

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Mail Ballots	Early Voting
Approve	10,058	79.72%	4,941	1,609	3,508
Reject	1,178	9.34%	651	93	434
Total Votes Cast	11,236	89.06%	5,592	1,702	3,942

13. ANNUAL BUDGET AND MAJOR TOWN PROJECTS ANNUAL REPORT

Shall Section 3-1-4 of the Westerly Town Charter be amended to include a requirement that the annual budget process commence with a meeting of specified departments and committees to be convened by the Board of Finance each October, and further, that the Board of Finance shall prepare an annual status report of all major Town projects?

- If approved, Section 3-1-4 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

3-1-4 (a) Every October the Board of Finance shall convene a meeting of the following committees or departments of the Town (Planning Board, School Department, Finance Department, Town Manager), additionally any other departments that the Manager so directs. This meeting subject is "Budget Preparations and Coordination", the product of this effort is the alignment of department planning as part of the budget process and shall review the progress of major projects underway by the Town.

3-1-4(b) The Board of Finance shall prepare an annual report for the Town Council on the status of all major Town projects. Additionally, the annual report shall recommend consolidated financial goals for the annual budget year.

Explanation

- This amendment creates a requirement for a budget preparation and coordination meeting of committees and departments with the Board of Finance of the Town every October and requires the Board of Finance to prepare an annual report for the Town Council on the status of major Town Projects.

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Mail Ballots	Early Voting
Approve	9,991	79.19%	4,885	1,602	3,504
Reject	1,132	8.97%	630	93	409
Total Votes Cast	11,123	88.17%	5,515	1,695	3,913

14. JOB DESCRIPTIONS

Shall Section 4-1-2 of the Westerly Town Charter be amended to include a statement that the Town Manager shall maintain and review detailed job descriptions for each position reporting directly to the Manager?

- If approved, Section 4-1-2(g) of the Charter would be amended as follows:

The Town Manager shall maintain and review detailed job descriptions and duties for all direct reports.

Explanation

- This amendment would require that the Town Manager have job descriptions for all Town employees who report directly to the Town Manager.

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Mail Ballots	Early Voting
Approve	10,307	81.70%	5,052	1,644	3,611
Reject	1,028	8.15%	582	78	368
Total Votes Cast	11,335	89.85%	5,634	1,722	3,979

15. GROUND FOR RECALL FROM OFFICE

Shall Section 5-3-2 of the Westerly Town Charter be amended to expressly include a failure to abide by the Charter among the stated grounds for recall from office?

- If approved, Section 5-3-2 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

Grounds for recall shall include violations of the Code of Ethics of the State of Rhode Island or failure to abide by the Westerly Town Charter.

Explanation

- This amendment would establish that violations of the State of Rhode Island Code of Ethics or failure to abide by the Westerly Town Charter are grounds for recall of a Town elected official.

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Mail Ballots	Early Voting
Approve	9,637	76.39%	4,694	1,571	3,372
Reject	1,230	9.75%	684	106	440
Total Votes Cast	10,867	86.14%	5,378	1,677	3,812

16. RECALL ELECTION PROCESS

Shall Section 5-3-3 of the Westerly Town Charter be amended to revise the process of initiation of a recall election, to reduce the required number of signatures on a declaration of intent to petition from 100 qualified electors to 35, and to reduce the requirement for the percentage of recall petition signatures from 35% to 20%, and to reduce the requirement for a removal by recall from two-thirds to a majority of votes?

- If approved, Section 5-3-3 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

1. Initiation of recall.

a) Thirty-five (35) qualified electors of the Town of Westerly shall file a declaration of intent to petition for recall of an elected official with the Town Clerk. Once validated, the Town Clerk shall present the declaration to recall to the Town Council within five (5) days of receipt or at the next scheduled meeting. The presentation shall include the name of the elected official subject to recall and state the grounds for recall.

- If approved, Section 5-3-3 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

2. Collection of recall petition signatures.

a) Within forty-five (45) days of the presentation of the valid declaration to the Town Council a written petition demanding the removal of said official shall be filed with the Town Clerk. Said petition shall include the signatures of qualified voters of the Town of Westerly. The required signatures shall be not less than twenty percent (20%) of the number of votes cast at the most recent general election.

- If approved, Section 5-3-3 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

5. Conduct of recall election.

b) If the majority of the votes cast on the question are in the affirmative, the person whose removal is affirmed by that vote shall be deemed to have been removed from office as of the date of certification of the results by the Board of Canvassers.

Explanation

- These amendments will modify the number of electors needed to initiate a recall election, the procedure for presenting and validating the recall petition and establishes removal from office pursuant to recall based on a majority of the votes cast in the recall election.

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Mail Ballots	Early Voting
Approve	6,618	52.46%	3,246	1,066	2,306
Reject	3,798	30.10%	1,903	530	1,365
Total Votes Cast	10,416	82.56%	5,149	1,596	3,671

17. VOTER INITIATIVE PETITION

Shall Section 5-4-3 of the Westerly Town Charter be amended to include time limits for the administrative referral and verification process for initiative petition signatures?

- If approved, Section 5-4-3 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

The Town Clerk shall receive all voter-initiated petitions for certification. A true copy of each petition shall be filed with the Town Clerk and shall be stamped "Filed" with the time and date of filing indicated. The Town Clerk shall, within five (5) days of the filing of said petition, refer said petition to the Board of Canvassers, which shall, within ten (10) days from the date of receipt of said petition from the Town Clerk, determine the sufficiency thereof and certify the results to the Town Clerk.

Explanation

- This amendment establishes a five (5) day time period for the Town Clerk to present a voter initiative petition to the Board of Canvassers and requires the Board of Canvassers to determine the sufficiency of the petition and certify the results to the town clerk within ten (10) days.

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Mail Ballots	Early Voting
Approve	8,578	67.99%	4,135	1,417	3,026
Reject	1,770	14.03%	962	177	631
Total Votes Cast	10,348	82.02%	5,097	1,594	3,657

18. FINANCE DEPARTMENT REPORTING

Shall Section 7-1-4 of the Westerly Town Charter be amended to change the time interval for Finance Department reporting of receipts and disbursements from monthly to quarterly?

- If approved, Section 7-1-4 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

(e) Prepare a quarterly Statement of all receipts and disbursements in sufficient detail to show the exact cash position and unencumbered position of the offices, departments, including the Westerly School Department, and agencies of the Town and to prepare as of the end of the fiscal year a complete financial statement and report, which report shall be deemed a public record.

Explanation

- If approved this amendment would require Town financial statements to be published quarterly.

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Mail Ballots	Early Voting
Approve	8,884	70.42%	4,388	1,370	3,126
Reject	1,819	14.42%	916	275	628
Total Votes Cast	10,703	84.84%	5,304	1,645	3,754

19. POLICE OFFICERS

Shall Section 9-1-7 of the Westerly Town Charter be amended to delete the provision that police officers may be removed from office by action of the Town Council?

- If approved, Section 9-1-7 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

All police officers of the Department of Public Safety shall be appointed or promoted, by the Manager upon the recommendation of the Chief of their Department and the Director of Public Safety, provided that they have passed such qualifying tests as may be established by ordinance.

Explanation

- This amendment establishes that Police Officers shall be appointed or promoted by the Town Manager upon the recommendation of the Chief and the Director of Public Safety, providing that candidates have passed qualifying tests established by ordinance, and the Town Council will be removed from the process.

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Mail Ballots	Early Voting
Approve	7,498	59.43%	3,661	1,185	2,652
Reject	3,355	26.59%	1,726	478	1,151
Total Votes Cast	10,853	86.03%	5,387	1,663	3,803

20. CONSTABLES

Shall Section 9-1-8 of the Westerly Town Charter referring to the use of constables by the Police Department be deleted in order to remain in compliance with state certification standards?

- If approved, this amendment would delete Section 9-1-8 of the Town Charter:

Explanation

- The deletion of this charter provision will bring the Town into compliance with the certification standards established by the Rhode Island Police Officers Commission on Standards and Training and the Rhode Island Police Accreditation Commission.

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Mail Ballots	Early Voting
Approve	9,046	71.70%	4,366	1,492	3,188
Reject	1,603	12.71%	901	150	552
Total Votes Cast	10,649	84.41%	5,267	1,642	3,740

21. DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Shall Article XII of the Westerly Town Charter be revised to include provisions for membership, terms of office, and powers and duties of the Planning Board; to insert language consistent with existing ordinances that govern periodic review and revision of the Zoning Ordinances and the Zoning Map; to delete the Chapter relating to the now-defunct Department of Development Services; to relocate the descriptions for the Town Planner and Zoning Official to Chapter III of Article XII; and to relocate the descriptions for the Property Maintenance Code Official and the Building Official to Chapter III of Article XIII?

Explanation

- If approved, Article XII of the Town Charter would be amended by deleting Section 12-4-1 through 4 eliminating the Department of Development Services. Several subsections of Article 12 will be revised to bring the language into conformity with current state law as well as current Ordinances addressing periodic review of the town's zoning ordinances and zoning map. It will also rearrange sections of the article containing the description of the Town Planner and Zoning Official for better organization of the article and transfer the descriptions of the Property Maintenance Code Official and the Building Official to Chapter 3 of Article XIII.

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Mail Ballots	Early Voting
Approve	8,079	64.08%	3,779	1,365	2,935
Reject	2,391	18.96%	1,398	219	774
Total Votes Cast	10,470	83.04%	5,177	1,584	3,709

22. TOWN CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Shall Section 15-1-1 of the Westerly Town Charter be amended to include a provision clarifying the process for the Charter Revision Commission and the Town Council to propose amendments to the Town Charter?

- If approved, Section 15-1-1 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

The Charter Commission’s proposed charter amendments shall be placed before the voters in a timely matter for their adoption or rejection. Nothing in this section shall prevent the Council from proposing additional amendments before the voters for consideration. In the event of opposing or contradictory questions the proposed amendment receiving the majority of votes shall prevail.

Explanation

- This amendment requires that a Charter Commission's proposed charter amendments be placed before voters in a timely manner and allows the Town Council to propose additional amendments for voter consideration. In the event of contradictory questions, the proposed amendment receiving the majority of votes shall prevail.

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Mail Ballots	Early Voting
Approve	8,997	71.36%	4,324	1,472	3,201
Reject	1,678	13.31%	921	156	601
Total Votes Cast	10,675	84.67%	5,245	1,628	3,802

23. PUBLICATION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Shall Section 15-2-2 of the Westerly Town Charter be amended to require that public notice by newspaper of any proposed change to existing ordinances must include the full text of the proposed changes?

- If approved, Section 15-2-2(b) of the Charter would be amended as follows:

The Town Clerk shall publish in a daily newspaper having a general circulation in the Town, a copy of the proposed ordinance in the form required for final adoption setting out in full, for section or subsections to be repealed or amended, and shall indicate the matter to be omitted by enclosing in bracket, or by strike out type and shall indicate new matter by underscoring or by italics, which said publication shall contain a notice setting out the time and place for a Public Hearing thereon and for its consideration by the Council. The Public Hearing shall be at least seven (7) days after the publication and may be held separately or in conjunction with a regular or special Council meeting and may be adjourned from time to time.

Explanation

- This amendment would eliminate publishing a summary of the proposed changes to an ordinance and would require the publication of a proposed ordinance amendment in the form required for final adoption of the ordinance in an edited format to highlight proposed amendments to the ordinance.

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Mail Ballots	Early Voting
Approve	7,134	56.58%	3,307	1,244	2,583
Reject	3,427	27.18%	1,927	355	1,145
Total Votes Cast	10,561	83.76%	5,234	1,599	3,728

24. TOWN OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OR AGENCY

Shall Section 15-2-3 of the Westerly Town Charter be amended to forbid the creation of any new Office, Department or Agency of the Town in the budget ordinance?

- If approved, Section 15-2-3 of the Charter would be amended as follows:

Any new Office, Department or Agency shall not be created in the budget ordinance.

Explanation

- This amendment would prohibit the creation of a new office department or agency in the budget ordinance but may be created in any other ordinance.

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Mail Ballots	Early Voting
Approve	7,283	57.76%	3,496	1,168	2,619
Reject	3,174	25.17%	1,705	389	1,080
Total Votes Cast	10,457	82.94%	5,201	1,557	3,699

25. SCHOOL COMMITTEE SALARIES

Shall the Charter be amended to allow the members of the School Committee to receive an annual stipend?

- If approved, Article XI of the Town Charter would be amended as follows:

11-1-4 Salaries.

The School Committee may determine the annual salaries of School Committee members during the annual budget process, but no increase in such salary shall become effective until the date of commencement of the terms of School Committee members elected at the next regular election, provided that such election follows the adoption of such budget by at least six months. School Committee members shall receive their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties of office.

Explanation

- This amendment would provide for annual salaries of School Committee members.

	TOTAL	VOTE %	Election Day	Mail Ballots	Early Voting
Reject	5,885	46.68%	2,991	844	2,050
Approve	5,251	41.65%	2,543	833	1,875
Total Votes Cast	11,136	88.32%	5,534	1,677	3,925