

Charter Revision Commission
Sample Ballot Questions

April 7, 2021

1. **Form of Government** - Shall Marlborough's form of government be changed to a 5 member Board of Selectmen with an Appointed Town Manager?
Yes/No
2. **Code of Ethics / Office of Ethics** - Shall the Town of Marlborough adopt a Code of Ethics in its charter and appoint a two member investigatory-advisory Office of Ethics, to ensure that the public has confidence in the integrity of local government, including elected officials, employees, boards and commissions in the conduct of their public responsibilities? **Yes/No**
3. **Annual Town Budget Public Hearing** - Shall the Annual Town Meeting be replaced with a Town Public Hearing for the purpose of reviewing the final proposed Annual Town Budget before going to Referendum voting on the first Tuesday in May? **Yes/No**
4. **Appropriations** - Shall the authorized fixed dollar limit of \$10K in the charter, pertaining to Special and Emergency Appropriations be adjusted for inflation and increased to reflect the current cost of doing business and replaced with a fixed percentage of 2% of the Town Operations Budget?
Yes/No
5. **Public Bids** - Shall the authorized fixed dollar amounts pertaining to Public Bids between \$1K up to \$10K in the charter be, replaced with a fixed percentage of between 0.5% up to 1% of the Town Operations Budget?
Yes/No
6. **Town Clerk/Tax Collector** - Shall the Town Clerk and the Tax Collector position be changed from an elected to an appointed position? **Yes/No**
7. **Board Members** - Shall the number of members on the following Boards be changed : Board of Finance from 6 to 5 ; Board of Education from 9 to 7 ; Board of Assessment Appeals from 3 to 5? **Yes/No**
8. **Board of Fire Commissioners** - Shall the following changes to the Board of Fire Commissioners be adopted; Increase Board members from 3 to 5; Permanent Vacancy appointments for Fire Marshal and Deputy Fire Marshal positions shall be filled by the Board of Selectmen, to four (4) year overlapping terms; Fire Marshal and Deputy Fire Marshal shall serve both, the Board of Selectmen on administrative matters, and the Board of Fire Commissioners on technical / operational matters? **Yes/No**
9. **Miscellaneous Charter Changes** - Shall the current charter be updated to include a variety of recommended changes to the charter designed to: remove outdated references to CT statutes; correct for grammatical and spelling errors; improper reference to other charter sections; improve clarity of section content and update to current and best practices; improve transfer procedures, for unused budgeted funds; improve vacancy appointments to incorporate "best qualified" provision; establish minimum expectations for membership on boards, agencies and commissions; clarify the use of the Minority Representation statute as modified in the charter ? **Yes / No**