EXPLANATORY TEXT

Attached are the proposed amendments to the Weston Town Charter as recommended by the Weston Charter Revision Commission and approved by the Board of Selectmen.

Appendix C

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE WESTON TOWN CHARTER

The following amendments shall be made to the Charter. (new language, where applicable, is in bold letters).

1. Section 6.3(b) shall be amended to read as follows:

> "Except as otherwise provided by law, a Chairman and Vice-Chairman of each elected Board or Commission shall be elected each year by the membership of that Board or Commission during the month of January; provided, however, that **the Board of Education may elect its Chairman and Vice-Chairman not later than January 1.** At no time shall any person be eligible to be elected as Chairman **of an elected Board or Commission** who has served in that office for eight or more successive years. This Section 6.3(b) shall not apply to the Board of Selectmen."

2. Section 8.3(a) shall be amended to delete the words "any Officer appointed pursuant to Section 8.2 and of" immediately prior to the words "any member of an appointed Board or Commission....." towards the end thereof.

3. Section 8.3(b) shall be amended to read as follows:

> "Except as otherwise provided by law, a Chairman and Vice-Chairman of each appointed Board or Commission shall be elected each year by the membership of that Board or Commission during the month of January; provided, however, that at no time shall any person be eligible to be elected as Chairman who has served in that office for eight or more successive years, **and provided further that any newly constituted appointed Board or Commission shall elect a Chairman and Vice-Chairman by its second meeting**."

4. Section 9.5(c) shall be amended to delete the word "and" at the end of subparagraph (v), to add a new subparagragh (vi), as set forth below, and renumber former subparagraph (vi) as (vii):

> **"state that if fewer than 130 persons who are legally entitled to vote at the Annual Town Budget Meeting are present at the time that the Meeting is called to order, the Meeting shall be adjourned and machine voting on the Annual Town Budget proposed by the Board of Finance shall commence; and"**

5. Section 9.5(d)(ii) shall be amended to read as follows:

> "if, and only if, **130 or more** Qualified Voters are present at the **time that the** Annual Town **Budget** Meeting **is called to order, the Annual Town Budget proposed by the Board of Finance may, by a vote of a majority of those Qualified Voters present and voting, be amended by reducing** any individual appropriation that is listed on the Notice and Call of the Meeting to an amount less than that recommended by the Board of Finance. Any motion to reduce the sum of appropriations in the proposed Annual Town Budget must specify the individual line item to be reduced and the amount of the proposed reduction;"

6. Section 9.5(d) is amended to delete the word "and" at the end of subparagraph (ii), to add a new subparagraph (iii), as set forth below, and renumber former subparagraph (iii) as (iv):

> **"if fewer than 130 Qualified Voters are present at the time the Meeting is called to order, the Annual Town Budget Meeting shall be adjourned and machine voting on the Annual Town Budget proposed by the Board of Finance shall commence; and"**

7. The first and third sentences of Section 9.6 shall be amended to read as follows, and the remainder of Section 9.6 shall remain unchanged:

> "Voting on the proposed Annual Town Budget, **as amended, if applicable,** by the Annual Town **Budget** Meeting, shall be by machine voting.
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> The voting shall commence immediately after the Annual Town Budget Meeting **is adjourned**, and shall continue that day as long as necessary, in the judgment of the Registrars of Voters, to accommodate all those seeking to cast votes at that time."

The amendments shall become effective on November 4, 2014.