

TOWN OF WESTON, CONNECTICUT

TOWN CHARTER

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PREAMBLE¹

Since colonial times the Town of Weston has taken its character from the many generations that have cherished local democracy, broad-based citizen involvement, and a strong sense of community. In the tradition of home rule, Westonites call Town Meetings in the belief that every eligible voter is a legislator. As embodied in this Charter, the Town Meeting and the Selectmen together are the legislative body of the Town.

Weston was an Aspetuck hunting ground until "outliers" from the town of Fairfield began settling here in the early eighteenth century. Norfield Parish was created in 1757 and the Connecticut General Assembly formally recognized Weston as a separate, incorporated town thirty years later.

Early Weston was agricultural but soon the use of abundant water power led to the growth of industry. By 1830 Weston was a thriving town of 3,000 people and home to foundries, a grist mill, ax manufacturing, a furniture plant, and four churches. The population began to decline rapidly by the 1850's, however, due to the opening of the richer agricultural lands in Ohio, the development of steam-powered industry along the coast, and the rise of the industrial towns along the Naugatuck River.

The revival of the Town began early in the 20th century with the arrival of artists, musicians, theater people, writers, and summer residents from New York City, a vanguard of the waves of commuters who first arrived by automobile in the 1930's. This mixture remains and, together with its excellent schools and many conservation-protected lands, continues to give Weston its special character. This Charter is designed to build on that history and to provide a foundation for a government that builds a durable civic culture that benefits from the active, informed and equitable engagement of all members of this community. Our government should reflect the geographic areas of the Town as well as the diversity of our residents including, not be limited to, race, color, ethnicity, religious creed, age, sex, national origin, political viewpoint, ancestry or culture, status as a veteran, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, familial and marital status, pregnancy, or physical and mental disability

In the 21st century maintaining the framework of a robust tradition of self-governance faces new challenges. This Charter is designed to meet the test of time providing a pathway to achieving the goals of our Town with mutual respect, civility and courtesy both in the ways we govern and relationships between our citizens and officials in Town Hall. This Charter, as the "fountainhead of municipal powers"², should embrace the civic values we all hold dear, regardless of our point of view or political preferences³.

The first Town Charter was adopted by the voters in 1967 and was subsequently amended in 1976, 1979, 2003, 2012 and 2014. The current version was adopted by the voters on November 4, 2014.

¹ HISTORY: Adopted by the voters of the Town of Weston 11-4-2014. Amendments noted where applicable.

² *State ex rel. Raslavsky v. Bonvouloir*, 167 Conn. 357, 362, 355 A.2d 275 (1974)

³ 2026 Revision.

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ARTICLE 1 - THE CHARTER; TOWN CODE

Section 1.1. General Provisions

(a) The Charter is the organic law of the Town of Weston providing for the administration of the Town's affairs.

(b) Matters of administration of the Town's affairs set forth in the Charter, Ordinances or other policies of the Town. All such provisions shall be in accordance with express grants of authority of any General Statutes and Special Acts of the State of Connecticut⁴.

Section 1.2. The Town Code

(a) The Charter and the Town ordinances together shall comprise the Town Code.

(b) The Town Code shall be available at the Town Clerk's office, the Public Library and the Town's website or in such other form as is readily available to the public.

Section 1.3. Definitions⁵

For purposes of the Charter:

(a) "Annual Town Budget"⁶ means the sum of (i) the Town's operating budget, (ii) the Board of Education's operating budget, (iii) the Town's capital improvement budget, including capital items pertaining to the Board of Education), and (iv) the Town's debt service for a particular Fiscal Year, as further described in Section 9.2.

(b) "Annual Town Budget Meeting" or "ATBM"⁷ means the Town Meeting described in Section 9.5.

(c) "Board" or "Commission"⁸ includes any board, commission, task force, study group, committee or similar body of the Town, whether its members are elected ("Elected Boards or Commissions") or appointed by the Board of Selectmen or other appointing authority ("Appointed Boards or Commissions"). The Town Meeting is not a Board or Commission as herein defined.

(d) "Board of Selectmen"⁹ has such legislative authority as required by the General Statutes and as specifically set forth in this Charter, including but not limited to Article 4.

(e) "Charter"¹⁰ means the Charter of the Town of Weston, Connecticut, as amended

⁴ 2026 revision of current §1.1(b).

⁵ 2026 recodification and revision of Article 11.

⁶ 2026 recodification of Article 11 defined term "Annual Town Budget".

⁷ 2026 recodification of Article 11 defined term "Annual Town Budget Meeting".

⁸ 2026 recodification and revision of Article 11 entitled "Commission."

⁹ New (2026). **Comment of the 2026 Charter Revision Commission.** A legislative body is a required provision of a charter as set forth in C.G.S. §7-193(a)(1)(C) and may consist of the Board of Selectmen and the Town Meeting as the functions may be allocated by Charter.

¹⁰ 2026 recodification of Article 11 defined term "Charter".

from time to time.

(f) “Day(s)”¹¹ means calendar days without exception for weekends or any holiday unless otherwise specified in this Charter or required by Law. Where a Day that is a deadline prescribed in this Charter or any Town Ordinance falls on a weekend, holiday or other Day when the Town offices are closed for business, the deadline shall be extended through the close of the next Day when the Town offices are open for business, unless otherwise required by Law.

(g) “Department” or “Town Department”¹² includes all offices, agencies and other subdivisions of the Town government, regardless of when created, the number or title of the Employees assigned to them, or how the offices are identified from time to time.

(h) “Election”¹³ means a regular or special election as defined in the General Statutes.

(i) “Elector” or “Resident Elector”¹⁴ means an individual who is qualified under C.G.S. §9-12 to vote in federal, State and Town elections under the Constitutions of the United States and the State of Connecticut and under the General Statutes.

(j) “Employee” or “Town Employee” means any person providing services to the Town for salary or wages, including Board of Education Employees for the period of time during which they are employed or elected. For purposes of this Charter, organizations and persons paid to act as agents of the Town or any Town Department shall also be considered “Employees” in the application of Section 1.4 of this Charter or any Ordinance adopted to effectuate the provisions of this Charter in accordance with Law, for the time during which they are so paid¹⁵.

(k) “Family Member” means any spouse or domestic partner, parent or stepparent, sibling or stepsibling, child or stepchild, and any other relative or individual residing in the same household as the Official or Employee¹⁶.

(l) The “First Selectman” is the chief executive officer, as required by the General

¹¹ New (2026)

¹² New (2026).

¹³ New (2026).

¹⁴ 2026 recodification and revision of Article 11 defined term “Resident Elector.” **Comment of the 2026 Charter Revision Commission.** At the time this Charter was amended in 2025 the definition of “who may be admitted” as an Elector was set forth in C.G.S. §9-12, as follows: “(a) Each citizen of the United States who has attained the age of eighteen years, and who is a bona fide resident of the town to which the citizen applies for admission as an elector shall, on approval by the registrars of voters or town clerk of the town of residence of such citizen, as prescribed by law, be an elector, except as provided in subsection (b) of this section. For purposes of this section a person shall be deemed to have attained the age of eighteen years on the day of the person’s eighteenth birthday, and a person shall be deemed to be a bona fide resident of the town to which the citizen applies for admission as an elector if such person’s dwelling unit is located within the geographic boundaries of such town. No mentally incompetent person shall be admitted as an elector. (b) Any citizen who will have attained the age of eighteen years on or before the day of a regular election may apply for admission as an elector. If such citizen is found to be qualified the citizen shall become an elector on the day of the citizen’s eighteenth birthday. The registrars shall add the name of any person applying under this subsection, if found qualified, to the registry list and, if applicable, to the enrollment list, together with the effective date of his registration. The registrars may place the name of each such person at the end of the registry and enrollment lists for the voting district.”

¹⁵ New (2026). Currently addressed in Ord. §64-2.

¹⁶ New (2026).

Statutes¹⁷ and chief elected official of the Town and shall have such duties as are set forth under Law, including Article 5 and other provisions this Charter and the Ordinances. In this Charter, Board of Selectmen and First Selectman are not gender-specific terms¹⁸.

(m) "Fiscal Year"¹⁹ means the 12-month period commencing July 1 and ending June 30.

(n) "General Statutes"²⁰ also referred to as "C.G.S." means the General Statutes of the State of Connecticut, as amended from time to time.

(o) "Holiday"²¹ means a federal or State holiday, as set forth by Law or by provision of any applicable collective bargaining agreement.

(p) "Law"²² means the General Statutes and any applicable Connecticut Special Act, federal statutes, this Charter, Ordinances, federal, state or local rules and regulations, and decisions of courts and administrative bodies.

(q) "Meeting"²³ shall have the meaning set forth in C.G.S. §1-200(2), as amended from time to time, including Meetings by means of, or allowing attendance by, electronic equipment, and shall include Public Hearings.

(r) "Officer"²⁴ when used in this Charter or any Ordinances adopted hereunder means office held within a Board of Commission, such as, chair, vice-chair or secretary.

(s) "Ordinance"²⁵ means a legislative enactment of the Town to (1) establish rules or regulations of Town-wide application, the violation of which is punishable by a fine or other penalty; or (2) create any Law of Town-wide application to exercise any Town power under the General Statutes or accomplish any objective permitted by Law.

(t) "Public Forum" or "Forum"²⁶ means a Meeting required or allowed by Law for the purpose of facilitating interaction, open discussion and discourse only on issues included on the agenda of such Meeting. Public Forums, whether convened by a Public Official or a Board or Commission, shall be conducted, and Notice and minutes thereof shall be made available, in accordance with applicable Law, including but not limited to the Freedom of Information Act in the same manner as a Public Hearing. No votes shall be taken during the Public Forum.

¹⁷ 2026 recodification and revision of §12.4. **Comment of the 2026 Charter Revision Commission.** A chief executive officer is a required provision of a charter as set forth in C.G.S. §7-193(a)(2)(C). **DRAFTING NOTE:** Please see Sec. 5.1

¹⁸ 2026 recodification and revision of current §12.4 in lieu of the following: "Use of the term "Selectman" or "Selectmen" is not meant to refer exclusively to the male gender, and all such references shall be construed as inclusive of both genders."

¹⁹ 2026 recodification of Article 11 defined term "Fiscal Year".

²⁰ 2026 recodification and revision of Article 11 defined term "General Statutes".

²¹ 2026 recodification and revision of Article 11 defined term "Holiday".

²² New (2026).

²³ New (2026).

²⁴ 2026 revision of current Article 11 defined term "Officer".

²⁵ New (2026).

²⁶ New (2026)

(u) “Public Hearing” or “Hearing”²⁷ means a Meeting required or allowed by Law to inform the public and/or receive comments from the public about a contemplated or proposed Town action or policy.

(v) “Public Official or Official”²⁸ means an individual who holds an elected (“Elected Official”) or appointed municipal office (“Appointed Official”) in the Town; including but not limited to elected officials set forth in Article 6; and members of Boards and Commissions as set forth in Article 8. The Town Administrator is an Appointed Public Official.

(w) “Public Notice” or “Notice”²⁹ means written information setting forth the purpose and/or agenda of any public Meeting or Hearing, or of any other matter of public interest, as required by this Charter or other Law. Notices shall identify the Board, Commission or other group of Officials or individuals who are the subject of the Notice and state the date, time and place of the subject Meeting, Hearing or event. Notices shall be posted or published as required by Law including the posting of all regular, special or emergency Meetings and Public Hearings with the Town Clerk who shall by appropriate electronic means, wherever deemed practicable by the Town Clerk, post on the Town website. Public Notices may also be posted or published in any other place or manner established by the Town Clerk, Ordinance or by the Board of Selectmen. This definition does not include required Notices informing individuals of rights, obligations or duties that may be affected by an action of the Town, which may be established by Law.

(x) “Qualified Voters”³⁰ means persons, including Electors, who are eligible to vote at Town Meetings in accordance with the General Statutes³¹.

(y) “Quorum”³² means, for the transaction of business by a Board or Commission, a majority of the total voting membership of the Board or Commission, including any alternate member(s) in attendance in lieu of absent regular member(s), unless otherwise required by the General Statutes or this Charter.

(z) “Resolution”³³ means a duly adopted, written statement of any Board or Commission that (1) expresses the sentiment or intent of the Board or Commission; (2) governs the business of the Board; (3) expresses recognition by the Board or Commission; or (4) is intended to comply with any requirement of Law with regard to the subject matter of the Resolution.

²⁷ New (2026).

²⁸ 2026 recodification of Article 11 defined term “Official”.

²⁹ 2026 recodification and revision of Article 11 defined term “Public Notice”.

³⁰ 2026 recodification and minor edit of Article 11 defined term “Qualified Voters”.

³¹ **Comment of the 2026 Charter Revision Commission:** At the time of adoption the term “Qualified Voter” applies to eligible votes as defined in C.G.S. §7-6, as follows: **“Eligibility to vote.** At any town meeting other than a regular or special town election or at any meeting of any fire, sewer or school district or any other municipal subdivision of any town incorporated by any special act, any person who is an elector of such town may vote and any citizen of the United States of the age of eighteen years or more who, jointly or severally, is liable to the town, district or subdivision for taxes assessed against him on an assessment of not less than one thousand dollars on the last-completed grand list of such town, district or subdivision, or who would be so liable if not entitled to an exemption under subdivision (17), (19), (22), (23), (25) or (26) of section 12-81, may vote, unless restricted by the provisions of any special act relating to such town, district or subdivision.”

³² New (2026).

³³ New (2026).

(aa) "Special Acts" or "Special Laws"³⁴ means the acts of the General Assembly of the State of Connecticut, pertinent to the Town.

(bb) "State"³⁵ means the State of Connecticut.

(cc) "Town"³⁶ means the Town of Weston, Connecticut.

(dd) "Town Clerk"³⁷ is the Appointed Official who serves the various functions assigned to that office in this Charter and under the General Statutes and other Laws.

(ee) "Town Meeting,"³⁸ has such legislative authority and power as set forth in 3.1 of this Charter.

Use of Terms. Where reference is made to the word "shall," "must" or "required" the legislative intention is to make the function a mandatory or imperative obligation for the Official(s), Employee(s) or entity charged with an obligation under this Charter or under the Ordinances³⁹.

Section 1.4. Conflict of Interest and Ethics⁴⁰

(a) Statement of Purpose: General Provisions⁴¹. Public office is a public trust. The trust of the public is essential for government to function effectively.

(1) Public policy developed by Public Officials affects every citizen of our Town, and such policies must be based on honest and fair deliberations and decisions.

(2) The process must be free from threats, favoritism, nepotism, undue influence, and all forms of impropriety so that the confidence of the public is not eroded.

(3) Public Officials and Employees of the Town are required to carry out their duties impartially and to the highest ethical standards, regardless of their personal considerations, to the end that the public may justifiably have trust and confidence in the integrity of government. As agents of public purpose, they should hold their offices or positions for the benefit of the public, recognize that the public interest is their primary concern, and faithfully discharge the duties of their offices regardless of personal considerations.

The Town of Weston, in this Statement of Purpose, seeks to articulate a policy that will motivate

³⁴ New (2026).

³⁵ 2026 recodification of Article 11 defined term "State".

³⁶ 2026 recodification of Article 11 defined term "Town".

³⁷ NEW (2026).

³⁸ New (2026). **Comment of the 2026 Charter Revision Commission.** A legislative body is a required provision of a charter as set forth in C.G.S. §7-193(a)(1)(C) and may consist of the Board of Selectmen and the Town Meeting as the functions may be allocated by Charter.

³⁹ New (2026).

⁴⁰ New (2026), including revisions and recodifications.

⁴¹ 2026 revision and recodification of current §10.1.

our Officials to continually strive to maintain and increase the confidence of our citizens in the integrity and fairness of their government.

(b) Standards of Conduct⁴².

(1) Conflict of Interest⁴³. No Public Official or Employee or any Family Member of such Official or Employee, through blood or marriage, or close business associate shall engage in any Town action in which said Official or Employee has a financial or personal interest which is incompatible with the proper discharge of the duties of office in the public interest or which would tend to impair the independence of judgment or action of the Official or Employee in the performance of those duties. Nothing herein shall be construed to be less demanding than what is contained in this Charter or Law.

(2) Gifts and favors. No Public Official or Employee or any Family Member, or close business associate shall solicit or accept any gift or favor which might tend to influence the performance or nonperformance of said Public Official's or Employee's municipal duties. If it is impossible or inappropriate to refuse a gift, the gift shall become the property of the Town⁴⁴. Nothing in this provision shall preclude the solicitation or acceptance of lawful contributions for election campaigns in accordance with Law⁴⁵.

(3) Appearance before Town Departments⁴⁶.

(i) No Public Official or Employee shall appear for a financial or personal benefit on behalf of the private interests of another person before any Board, Commission or Department of the Town, nor shall said Official or Employee represent the private interests of another in a Town action.

(ii) Nothing herein prohibits a Town Official or Employee from appearing before any Board, Commission or Department in order to exercise the same rights or personal or financial interests as any other person; however, the Official or Employee shall identify their role as a member of a Board or Commission or Employee of the Town, disclose their financial or personal interest and proceed with such matter in the individual capacity. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such Official or Employee is prohibited from representing private clients or business interest before a Board or Commission on which they serve.

(iii) No Family Member or close business associate of a Public Official or Employee shall appear before any Board or Commission or Department for personal or financial interest or engage in any Town action where there is likely to be a perception of influence being exerted by such Public Official or Employee, without first securing an advisory opinion of the Board of Ethics.

⁴² 2026 revision and recodification of current §10.1(a) and (b) with respect to ethical practices. The issue of Charter violation is addressed in the removal provisions.

⁴³ New (2026). Currently addressed in Ord. §64-3.A.

⁴⁴ New (2026). Currently addressed in Ord. §64-3.B.

⁴⁵ New (2026).

⁴⁶ New (2026). A revision of the standards currently addressed in Ord. §64-3.C.

(4) Disclosure or use of confidential information. No Public Official or Employee shall disclose or use confidential information for the financial or personal interests of himself or others⁴⁷.

(5) Incompatible employment. No Public Official or Employee shall engage in or accept private employment or render services for private interests when such employment or service is incompatible with the proper discharge of duties in the public interest or would tend to impair the independence of judgment or action in the performance of those duties⁴⁸.

(6) Use of Town facilities. No Public Official or Employee shall request or permit the use of Town-owned vehicles, equipment, materials, or property for personal convenience or profit, except when such services are available to the public generally or are provided as municipal policy for the use of such Official or Employee in the conduct of official business⁴⁹.

(7) Obligations to citizens. No Public Official or Employee shall grant any special consideration, treatment, or advantage to any citizen beyond that which is available to every other citizen⁵⁰.

(8) Disclosure of Interest and Recusal.

(i) When a Public Official becomes aware of facts or circumstances which demonstrate that said Official has a financial or personal interest in a pending matter, then said individual shall disclose such interest on the public record and, then, refrain from and shall not take any action on or exert any influence with respect to the pending matter and shall publicly recuse from participating on the pending matter⁵¹.

(ii) When an Employee becomes aware of facts or circumstances which suggest that the existence of a financial or personal interest in a pending matter, perceived or otherwise, the Employee is required to report the conflict of interest to the immediate supervisor and the Town Administrator in writing, including but not limited to the nature of said conflict. The Town Administrator shall decide whether the Employee is permitted to act further in the matter, subject to a complaint or request for an advisory opinion from the Board of Ethics⁵².

(c) Conflict of Interest Policy and Ethics Ordinance (the “Code of Ethics”)⁵³. The Board of Selectmen shall, no later than six months of the Effective Date of this Charter, revise and amend the Code of Ethics in the Town Ordinances to be consistent with this Article and to effectuate its provisions.

⁴⁷ New (2026). Currently addressed in Ord. §64-3.D.

⁴⁸ New (2026). Currently addressed in Ord. §64-3.E.

⁴⁹ New (2026). Currently addressed in Ord. §64-3.F.

⁵⁰ New (2026). Currently addressed in Ord. §64-3.G.

⁵¹ New (2026). Revision of a current standard as set forth in Ord. §64-4.A.

⁵² New (2026). Currently addressed in Ord. §64-4.C.

⁵³ 2026 revision and recodification of current §10.2

(1) Purpose. The purpose of the Code of Ethics is to establish suitable ethical standards for all elected and appointed Public Officials and Employees of the Town, whether paid or unpaid, by prohibiting acts or actions incompatible with the discharge of their public duties and the best interests of the Town, and by directing disclosure of private financial interest or personal interest in matters affecting the Town by such elected and appointed Officials or Employees as well as such individuals and entities seeking to and/or conducting business with the Town. The Code of Ethics, consistent with this Charter and Law, may define and proscribe additional provisions pertaining to unethical conduct.

(2) Distribution of the Code of Ethics and Related Policies. The Town Clerk shall provide all Public Officials and Employees of the Town with copies of this provision of the Charter, the Code of Ethics and other implementing policies enacted hereunder, following the effective date of this Charter and, thereafter, upon the commencement of their public service and/or employment.

(3) Contents of the Code of Ethics. The Ordinance establishing the Code of Ethics shall include:

(i) Procedural provisions pertaining to: (a) commencement of proceedings; (b) form of complaints; (c) filing of complaints, including the identity of the complaining party; (d) expeditious review of complaints; (e) treatment of public disclosure prior to a finding of probable cause and the continuing requirement of confidentiality in the event of a finding of no probable cause, in accordance with the requirements of the General Statutes⁵⁴; (f) the issuance of determinations or other actions by the Board; (g) probable cause findings; (h) conduct of investigations; (ix) the conduct of Meetings and hearings of the Board of Ethics; (i) informing the complainant and respondent of findings; (j) actions to be taken by the Board on its own motion by a majority vote of all the members of the Board; and, (k) such other procedures as may be required for the fair and orderly transaction of business by the Board. No Ordinance shall be adopted which circumvents or otherwise violates the requirements of this Charter pertaining to ethics and conflicts of interest unless otherwise required by Law.

(ii) Provisions Pertaining to the Board of Ethics. The Board of Ethics shall have the powers and duties set forth in §8.6(e) of this Charter and as may be further clarified in the Code of Ethics. The Ordinance shall establish its Officers and their responsibilities, regular Meeting schedule, duties and procedures in a manner consistent with Law, including the provisions of this Charter⁵⁵.

(4) Violation. In addition to any remedies or penalties set forth in the Ordinance effectuating this provision of the Charter, any finding of a violation by the Board of Ethics, as set forth in §8.6(e) of this Charter:

(i) shall render any action, including but not limited to any contract or

⁵⁴ At the time of the adoption of this Charter please see, C.G.S. §1-82a.

⁵⁵ New (2026). Currently addressed in Ord. §§64-5.D – F.

agreement involved voidable at the option of the Town;

(ii) may result in the discipline of Officials and Employees in accordance with the provisions of this Charter and Ordinances; and,

(iii) may result in disqualifying individuals or entities from engaging in business with the Town for a period of time to be established by Ordinance.

Section 1.5. Open Meetings and Public Records⁵⁶

(a) **Records.** The Town Clerk shall maintain complete and accurate records of the official acts, votes, Meetings, and proceedings of its Elected Officials, Boards and Commissions and Employees, and documents filed with the Town, as required by Law. To effectuate this provision, each Board shall designate a clerk or elect a Secretary, who keep the Board's records in a manner consistent with the practices of the Town Clerk. The minutes and recordings of Boards shall be public records, in accordance with the General Statutes, and shall be open for public inspection (1) at the office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours; and (2) on the Town website within a reasonable time after the event, unless otherwise required by Law. Other Town records shall be accessible to the public to the extent permitted by Law.

(b) **Open and Public Meetings.** All Meetings of the Board of Selectmen and all other Elected and Appointed Boards and Commissions, including all committees, task forces or other like entities must be open to the public except for executive sessions and other meetings permitted by the General Statutes and shall, in their conduct of their business, comply with all applicable Law⁵⁷.

Section 1.6. Rules of Order and Civility⁵⁸

The Town is committed to maintaining orderly and fair administrative processes and in keeping Town administrative offices free from disruption.

(a) **Public Meeting Decorum.** The Town is committed to the democratic process, the rule of law, individual rights of expression, robust debate, tolerance of disparate views and the preservation of positive and productive community relationships through empathy, awareness and reasonable respect for others' views. Incivility and disrespect at Public Meetings are improper because such conduct can stifle participation and debate, threaten the quality of decisions, and undermine the democratic process. These rules apply to in-person or virtual/electronic interactions.

(b) **Rules of Order.** The Town may adopt more specific Ordinances or Rules governing the conduct of Meetings than the policies set forth in this Charter.

(1) **Parliamentary Procedure.** Robert's Rules of Order shall regulate the conduct of all Meetings of Town Boards and Commissions and all Town Meetings unless

⁵⁶ New (2026).

⁵⁷ 2026 revision and recodification of current §6.3(c).

⁵⁸ New (2026).

a particular Board or Commission or Town Meeting specifies otherwise in its rules, adopted by majority vote.

(c) The Role of the Presiding Officer. The Chair or, Vice Chair, in the absence of the Chair, as the presiding Officer of each Board and Commission, shall be responsible for maintaining the decorum and uniform enforcement of the rules of order at the Meetings of such Boards and Commissions.

(d) Compliance with Rules of Order and Decorum. All persons who attend any Meeting shall be expected to follow the rules applicable to the conduct of the Meeting and to comply with any lawful order of the presiding officer to enforce rules of order and decorum.

(e) Breach of Rules. In the event any person breaches the rules of order pertaining to civility in a manner that disturbs, disrupts, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the Meeting, the presiding officer shall order that person to cease such conduct. In the event of continued breaches after such an initial order from the presiding officer, the presiding officer has the authority to order a member of the public, any member of the Board or Commission, or any other Public Official to leave the Meeting, failing which the party may be ordered removed from the Meeting. Removal of a person at an in-person event may be facilitated by the presiding officer or any law enforcement officer at the request of the presiding officer. At a virtual or hybrid Meeting, the offending person may be blocked from participation or even from attendance.

Section 1.7. Required Cooperation⁵⁹

Public Officials and all Employees are required to cooperate with each other, assist the Boards and Commissions, elected and appointed, and the pertinent Departments in carrying out the provisions of this Charter, advancing Town objectives and policies and serving the public interest. Good faith actions by all Public Officials will encourage and embrace public engagement which, in turn, will inform public decisions.

Section 1.8. Removal of Elected and Appointed Public Officials⁶⁰

(a) Removal. Any elected or appointed Public Official may be removed from office upon a finding of good and sufficient cause by a unanimous vote of all members of the Board of Selectmen.

(1) Grounds for Removal of Elected and Appointed Officials. The grounds for removal for elected and appointed Public Officials shall be: Willful malfeasance, willful neglect of duty, inability to serve, a conviction of a felony after becoming a Public Official, a violation of Section 9.10(f) of this Charter, or a finding of a violation by the Board of Ethics.

(2) Additional Ground for Removal of Appointed Public Officials. Appointed Public Officials may also be removed for the failure to attend three consecutively scheduled Meetings of the Public Official's Board or Commission without giving the Chair or Vice-Chair of such entity prior Notice of such absence and reasons

⁵⁹ New (2026).

⁶⁰ 2026 revision, consolidation and recodification of current §7.7 and §8.5(b).

therefor. Moreover, members of the Board of Ethics may be removed for failure to participate in training pursuant to Section 8.6(e)(1)(iii).

(3) Additional Grounds Adopted by Ordinance. Following the adoption of this Charter, the Board of Selectmen, by unanimous vote, may set forth addition grounds for removal in an Ordinance, provided, however, that any such new grounds for removal may not be applied to any Official whose term was unexpired at the time of the enactment of the new grounds until the re-election or re-appointment of that Official.

(b) Removal Not Involving the Board of Ethics: Referral by Hearing Officer. When a Public Official is subject to removal for grounds other than a finding by the Board of Ethics, the affected Public Official shall be given Notice and an opportunity to be heard, in the first instance, before a hearing officer appointed by the Town Attorney following a referral from the Board of Selectmen.

(1) The procedures for commencement of a removal investigation and hearing conducted by the hearing officer shall be set forth in the Town Ordinances.

(2) Upon making a finding of probable cause, the hearing officer shall issue a report of the proceedings and a recommendation of removal or imposition of a lesser sanction, to the Board of Selectmen.

(3) To impose the penalty of removal from office, the Board of Selectmen must conduct a Public Hearing with all members present to determine if a ground for removal has been established. The nature and proceedings of that hearing shall be set forth in the Town Ordinances. No such hearing is required for the imposition of a lesser penalty or no penalty.

(c) Removal Following a Board of Ethics Proceeding and Referral. When a Public Official is subject to removal based on a finding of the Board of Ethics following its investigative and hearing procedures, including a final determination that a violation has been established and its recommendation that the penalty be removal from office, the Board of Selectman will hold a Public Hearing with all members present to vote on whether to remove or to refer the matter back to the Board of Ethics for the imposition of a lesser penalty. The nature and proceedings of that hearing shall be set forth in the Town Ordinances.

(d) Removal Proceedings. In the event a removal proceeding is warranted as set forth above, the Board of Selectmen shall be required to conduct a full hearing in accordance with such procedures as shall be set forth in the Ordinance approved pursuant to Section 1-4(c) below.

(e) Hearing Procedures: Ordinance. The Board of Selectmen shall adopt an Ordinance within three (3) months of the effective date of this Charter setting forth procedural safeguards at all levels of the process including the Board of Ethics, hearing officer and Board of Selectmen processes. The procedures shall include, but not be limited to, written Notice affording a respondent reasonable time for preparation; sufficient time to prepare for proceedings; recitation of charges, including grounds for removal; right to counsel; Public

Hearing; and, any other procedures designed to provide for the protection of due process, equal protection and other constitutional rights.

Section 1.9. Compliance with C.G.S. §9-167a Pertaining to Minority Party Representation Statutes. Limit on Majority Party Representation

(a) Generally⁶¹. For purposes of limiting majority party representation on Elected or Appointed Boards, each member and alternate member, shall be deemed throughout their term of office to have the party registration or unaffiliated status that existed for that individual at the time of nomination or appointment; except, if such individual is nominated only by a party with which the individual is not affiliated, said individual is deemed affiliated with the party that nominated him for purposes of this section.

(b) Limits on Majority Party Representation⁶². The purpose of this provision is to ensure compliance with C.G.S. §9-167a as applied to all elected and appointed Boards and Commissions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, application of a stricter standard, such as a prohibition of any political majority, shall be deemed compliant with the statutory authorization. Accordingly, the political affiliation of the members of all elected and appointed Boards or Commissions or panel of alternates shall comply with the provisions of this Section 1.9⁶³. Furthermore, this provision shall apply to all elected Boards or Commissions established or required by this Charter or established by Ordinance.

⁶¹ New (2026)

⁶² 2026 revision, consolidation and recodification of current §6.4(a) and §8.4(a).

⁶³ See, C.G.S. § 9-167a entitled "Minority representation".

ARTICLE 2 - THE TOWN CODE: THE LEGISLATIVE BODY

Section 2.1. The Town

The Town shall continue, after the effective date of this amended and restated Charter, as a body politic and corporate with perpetual succession within its territorial limits.

Section 2.2. Powers, Rights and Obligations of the Town

The powers, rights and obligations of the Town contained in the Charter as in effect immediately prior to the effective date of this amended and restated Charter, and attached as Appendix A, shall remain in effect.

Section 2.3. Legislative Body

The legislative body of the Town shall be a combination of the Town Meeting and the Board of Selectmen. The legislative powers of the Town Meeting are limited to those matters described in Article 3. All other legislative powers shall reside in the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 3 - THE TOWN MEETING

Section 3.1. Legislative Power

The legislative power of the Town, to the extent specified in this Article, shall be vested in the Town Meeting.

Section 3.2. Annual and Special Town Meetings

(a) An Annual Town Budget Meeting shall be held at the time, and conducted in the manner described in Sections 9.5 and 3.3, respectively.

(b) A Special Town Meeting shall be called by the Board of Selectmen (i) when it deems such Meeting necessary or (ii) when required by the Charter or the General Statutes.

Section 3.3. Procedure

(a) All Town Meetings shall be called to order by the First Selectman. In the absence of the First Selectman, the Selectman designated under Section 5.2 as the acting First Selectman shall call the Meeting to order. If both the First Selectman and the acting First Selectman are absent, the First Selectman shall appoint the other member of the Board of Selectmen if available, or otherwise any other Qualified Voter, to call the Meeting to order.

(b) The Board of Selectmen shall nominate from the Panel of Moderators a member to serve as moderator and a member to serve as alternate moderator for such Town Meeting. All reasonable care shall be taken to avoid conflicts of interests in these selections. Public Notice shall be given of the name of the member so nominated as moderator and such name shall be included in the call of the Town Meeting, if possible. Prior to the Town Meeting, such member shall meet with the First Selectman or the Board of Selectmen to discuss procedures, conduct, and possible problems that might arise during the course of the Town Meeting. At the Town Meeting, other persons may be nominated as moderator, and the Town Meeting shall elect its moderator.

(c) The moderator shall appoint a parliamentarian for the Meeting.

(d) The Clerk of the Town Meeting shall be the Town Clerk or in the Town Clerk's absence, a person selected by the Town Meeting.

(e) Except as otherwise provided in the Charter, action at all Town Meetings shall be by a majority of Qualified Voters present and voting.

Section 3.4. When a Special Town Meeting is Required

The Board of Selectmen shall call a Special Town Meeting for consideration of the following matters:

(a) Appropriations or authorizations for issuance of bonds, notes or other borrowing, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance, except as

provided in Section 9.7(c) (relating to an interim Annual Town Budget);

(b) The purchase, sale or leasing of real estate by the Town;

(c) Applications for federal or State grants involving a multi—year commitment to expend Town funds that have not yet been appropriated, but only if, in the Fiscal Year in which such commitment is first incurred, the Board of Finance determines, in its discretion, that the commitment is sufficiently material to warrant a Town Meeting;

(d) Requests for appropriations described in Section 9.9(c);

(e) Petitions meeting the requirements of Section 3.6 or 3.7;

(f) The proposed abolition of any office provided for in the Charter (other than an elected office), or a reduction in membership of, or abolition of, an appointed Board or Commission provided for in Article 8 of the Charter, in each case, in accordance with Section 4.2(b);

(g) Any proposal the Board of Selectmen deems of sufficient importance⁶⁴.

Section 3.5. Special Town Meeting Proceedings.⁶⁵

(a) **Use of Machine Ballot: Authorization⁶⁶.** Any matter falling within Section 3.4 above may be decided by machine ballot. (1) at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen, or (2) pursuant to a petition filed in accordance with C.G.S. §7-7.

(b) **Adjournment of Town Meeting: Referendum⁶⁷.** After other business has been completed and after adequate discussion of the matter(s) to be decided by machine ballot, the moderator shall adjourn the Town Meeting and the matter(s) shall be submitted to the Qualified Voters, not less than seven (7) Days nor more than fourteen (14) Days thereafter, for a "yes" or "no" vote on the voting machines during the hours permitted by C.G.S. §7-7. If a majority of those voting vote "yes" on a matter, the matter shall be deemed to have been adopted by the Town Meeting; otherwise it shall be deemed to have been rejected.

Section 3.6. Petition for Overrule of Action of Board of Selectmen

Any Ordinance, Resolution or other action taken by vote of the Board of Selectmen, except those making appointments or removals, those concerned solely with regulating their internal procedure or emergency Ordinances adopted in accordance with the provisions of Section 4.5, shall be subject to overrule by a Special Town Meeting as follows:

(a) if within twenty (20) Days after the publication of any such Ordinance or the

⁶⁴ 2026 revision of current §3.4(g) by repealing the following: "The proposed change of the position of Town Clerk from an elected office to an appointed office, pursuant to Section 6.6(c), or the proposed change of the position of Tax Collector from an appointed office to an elected office, pursuant to Section 8.6(d)(ii); and"

⁶⁵ 2026 revision of title.

⁶⁶ 2026 revision (consolidation) of current §3.5

⁶⁷ 2026 recodification of current §3.5 (pre-standing paragraph).

making of such Resolution or the taking of such vote, a petition conforming to the requirements of C.G.S. §7-9 and 7-9a and signed by not less than five (5%) percent of the Qualified Voters is filed with the Town Clerk requesting its reference to a Special Town Meeting, then the effectiveness of such Ordinance, Resolution or other action shall be suspended;

(b) the Board of Selectmen shall fix the time and place of such Special Town Meeting, which shall be within twenty (20) Days after the filing of the petition;

(c) Notice of the Special Town Meeting shall be given in the manner and at the time provided by the General Statutes for the calling of a Special Town Meeting;

(d) if at least three (3%) percent of Qualified Voters, constituting a majority of those present and voting thereon, vote in favor of overruling the Ordinance, Resolution or action, it shall not take effect. Otherwise it shall take effect upon the conclusion of the Meeting.

Section 3.7. Petition for Special Town Meeting for Enactment of Ordinances or Other Action

Not less than five (5%) percent of Qualified Voters may at any time file with the Town Clerk a petition that conforms to the requirements of C.G.S. §7-9 and §7-9a requesting that a Special Town Meeting be held for the enactment of any proposed lawful Ordinance or other action. The petition shall contain the complete text of such proposed Ordinance or other action.

Any such proposed Ordinance or other action shall be submitted to the Town Attorney for examination before being submitted to the Town Clerk. The Town Attorney may correct the form of the Ordinance or other action for the purpose of avoiding repetitions, illegalities and unconstitutional provisions, and to assure accuracy in its text and references and clarity and precision in its phraseology, but not to change its meaning or effect materially. If, however, such proposed Ordinance or other action is materially the same as a matter that has been voted upon in a Town Meeting or by machine ballot within the preceding three years, the Board of Selectmen, in its sole discretion, may reject such petition and not call a Special Town Meeting.

Unless the petition has been rejected pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section 3.7, the Board of Selectmen shall call a Special Town Meeting, to be held not less than ten (10) nor more than thirty (30) Days after the date the petition was filed with the Town Clerk. No Special Town Meeting need be held, however, if such Ordinance has been enacted or such action taken by the Board of Selectmen prior to the Meeting date.

Notice of the Meeting shall be given in the manner and at the time provided by the General Statutes for the calling of a Special Town Meeting. The Call for such Meeting shall state the proposed Ordinance or other action in full and shall provide for a "yes" or "no" vote as to its enactment.

If at least three (3%) percent of Qualified Voters, constituting a majority of those

present and voting thereon, vote "yes," then such Ordinance or other action shall take effect on the tenth (10th) Day after the Meeting without further action of the Board of Selectmen; otherwise it shall not take effect.

ARTICLE 4 – BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Section 4.1. Number of Selectmen; Holding Other Town Offices

There shall be a Board of Selectmen consisting of the First Selectman and two additional Selectmen. No Selectman shall be employed by the Town in any other capacity or be a member of any Board or Commission except as provided in Section 5.1 relating to ex-officio membership.

Section 4.2. General Powers, Duties and Responsibilities

The Board of Selectmen, comprised of three (3) members, as set forth in Section 6.2(b) of this Charter, shall serve the legislative functions of the Town, except as set forth in Article 3 of this Charter, and have such legal authority, powers, duties and responsibilities in accordance with Law and as set forth in this charter and Ordinances. Said authority includes the power⁶⁸:

(a) to enact and amend Ordinances consistent with the Charter and the General Statutes, and to repeal Ordinances or amendments adopted under this Section;

(b) by Ordinance, to create, change, or abolish Boards, Commissions, committees and offices of the Town other than elected offices, Boards and Commissions; provided that (i) the abolition of an appointed office or a reduction of the membership of, or the abolition of, an appointed Board or Commission provided for in the Charter must be approved by a Special Town Meeting in accordance with Section 3.4(f); and (ii) the Board of Selectmen may provide for the addition of elected alternates to the Planning & Zoning Commission;

(c) by Resolution, to enter into agreements with the State or federal government or any agency of either such government; or

(d) in adopting Ordinances, to incorporate all or part of any code, rules or regulations; provided that any such code, rules or regulations shall be available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk or online.

The Board of Selectmen shall also have the power, duty and responsibility:

(e) to fix the charges, if any, to be made for services rendered by the Town;

(f) to obtain a blanket bond for such Officials as are to be bonded;

(g) to review and approve: (i) plans for reorganization, creation or elimination of positions and (ii) job descriptions for Town Employees⁶⁹;

⁶⁸ Revision of current §4.2

⁶⁹ 2026 revision.

(h) at the direction of the First Selectman, to conduct a periodic review of current (two-year time span) and projected (at least five-year time span) financial, administrative, governmental, physical and other needs of the Town, and to initiate programs to meet such needs; and

(i) except to the extent otherwise provided by Ordinance, and subject to normal budget approval, to review and act on recommendations of the First Selectman to hire, and fix the compensation for, or discharge, any head of a Department who reports to the Board of Selectmen⁷⁰.

Section 4.3. Procedure

(a) At its first Meeting, to be held not later than two weeks following each biennial Town election, the Board of Selectmen shall fix the time and place of its regular Meetings and shall elect an acting First Selectman as required by Section 5.2. Special Meetings of the Board of Selectmen may be called by the First Selectman or by the other two Selectmen jointly, with reasonable advance Notice being given to the other member(s) of the Board. The Board of Selectmen shall determine its own rules of procedure, by reference to Robert's Rules of Order. Two members of the Board shall constitute a Quorum.

(b) Meetings of the Board of Selectmen shall be conducted, and Notice and minutes thereof shall be made available, in accordance with the provisions of the State Freedom of Information Act and otherwise in accordance with the General Statutes.

Section 4.4. Public Hearing On and Publication of Ordinances

At least one Public Hearing, Public Notice of which shall be given at least ten (10) Days in advance, shall be held by the Board of Selectmen before any Ordinance shall be passed. Every Ordinance, after passage, shall be given a serial number and be recorded by the Town Clerk, and shall be properly indexed. Such Ordinance shall be published online or in such other form as is readily available to the public. Within ten (10) Days after final passage, the Town Clerk shall give Public Notice of the text of each Ordinance, except as otherwise provided in Section 4.5, relating to emergency Ordinances.

Every Ordinance, unless a later date is specified, shall become effective on the twenty-first (21st) Day after such publication following its final passage unless it is overruled as provided in Section 3.6 or is an emergency Ordinance as provided in Section 4.5.

Section 4.5. Emergency Ordinances

An Ordinance adopted by the Board of Selectmen as a public emergency measure and stating the facts constituting such public emergency shall become effective immediately, and Public Notice shall be given thereof as soon as possible thereafter. No Public Hearing or Notice of Public Hearing shall be required for any public emergency Ordinance. Every public emergency Ordinance, including any amendments thereto, shall automatically expire

⁷⁰ 2026 revision of current §4.2(i)

at the end of the sixty-first (61st) Day following initial passage of the Ordinance.

Section 4.6. Coordination

The Board of Selectmen shall coordinate the activities and operations of the Town government and, from time to time, may convene joint Meetings of Public Officials, Boards and Commissions for such purposes, and/or may require such reports or information to be submitted by them as the Board of Selectmen may deem necessary for such purposes.

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ARTICLE 5 - FIRST SELECTMAN; TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Section 5.1. The First Selectman

(a) Role of the First Selectman⁷¹. In addition to serving as the chief executive officer of the Town as required by Law, the First Selectman is also chief administrative official of the Town. The First Selectman, as defined and authorized by Law, shall be a full voting and participating member of the Board of Selectmen and shall preside at Meetings of the Board when present.

(b) Non-voting Ex-officio Membership on Boards and Commissions: Authority to designate a representative⁷². The First Selectman shall be an ex-officio member of all Boards and Commissions, but without power to vote. The First Selectman may appoint another Selectman to be the First Selectman's representative on any Board or Commission, but without power to vote.

(c) Authority, Powers and Duties⁷³. The First Selectman shall have all the authority, powers, duties and responsibilities conferred upon that office by Law that are consistent with the Charter, and, in addition, shall have all the powers necessary or incidental to the discharge of the First Selectman's duties and responsibilities as set forth in the Charter.

(d) Responsibilities of the First Selectman⁷⁴. Under the general policy direction of the Board of Selectmen, the First Selectman shall have the responsibilities to:

(i) see that the administration of the Town is coordinated, except those functions expressly reserved or delegated to other Public Officials and Boards and Commissions by law;

(ii) execute and carry out Ordinances, Resolutions, policies and other actions approved by the Board of Selectmen or the Town Meeting;

(iii) hire or dismiss, with the prior concurrence of the Board of Selectmen, and subject to the General Statutes, paid Employees other than Public Officials, heads of Departments, or Employees who do not report, directly or indirectly, to the Board of Selectmen (e.g., Employees of the Board of Education and officers or members of the Police Department);

(iv) coordinate and guide the Board of Selectmen in the discharge of the Board's duties and responsibilities; and

(v) direct relationships with State, regional, and federal agencies that have, or are likely to have, an effect on the Town.

⁷¹ 2026 revision and recodification of §5.1 (first paragraph).

⁷² 2026 revision and recodification of §5.1 (second paragraph).

⁷³ 2026 revision and recodification of §5.1 (third paragraph).

⁷⁴ 2026 revision and recodification of §5.1 (fourth paragraph a-e).

(e) Delegation of Responsibilities⁷⁵. To assist in the discharge of the duties and responsibilities of the First Selectman's office and of the Board of Selectmen, the First Selectman may assign and delegate duties and powers, but not responsibilities, to other Selectmen, to the Town Administrator, and to other Appointed Officials responsible to the First Selectman.

Section 5.2. Selection of an Acting First Selectman

At its first Meeting following each biennial Town election the Board of Selectmen shall elect from its membership a Selectman who, in the temporary absence of the First Selectman, shall act as First Selectman; provided that the acting First Selectman shall not, during the First Selectman's temporary absence, make any personnel or any significant decisions without the concurrence of the remaining member of the Board of Selectmen. If the person designated as acting First Selectman shall leave office, the Board of Selectmen shall elect a new acting First Selectman as soon as practicable after the Board has been restored to three members.

Section 5.3. The Town Administrator

There shall be a Town Administrator who shall report directly to the First Selectman. The Town Administrator shall be hired by, and shall be subject to dismissal by, the First Selectman, in both cases with the prior approval of the Board of Selectmen.

The duties of the Town Administrator shall be to:

- (a)** aid in recruiting and screening personnel and making recommendations relating thereto to the First Selectman;
- (b)** manage Town Employees;
- (c)** assist in preparing the Annual Town Budget by gathering the necessary data and by compiling estimated budgets by the dates set forth in the Charter;
- (d)** aid the First Selectman in analyzing and reviewing programs, activities, and budgets and their short-term and long-term financial and cash flow implications;
- (e)** satisfy reasonable requests by Public Officials and Boards and Commissions to provide information; and
- (f)** carry out such other duties as the First Selectman shall assign to the Town Administrator.

⁷⁵ 2026 revision and recodification of §5.1 (fifth paragraph).

ARTICLE 6 - ELECTED OFFICIALS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Section 6.1. General Authority, Powers and Duties⁷⁶

All Elected Officials, including Boards and Commissions, shall have the authority, powers and duties prescribed by Charter, Ordinances and policies of the Board of Selectmen consistent therewith, as authorized by the General Statutes.

Section 6.2. Elected Officials and Boards and Commissions

(a) Elected Officials	Term (in years)	
First Selectman	2 ⁷⁷⁷⁸	
Two Registrars of Voters (One Democrat and One Republican)	2	

(b) Elected Boards and Commissions	Number of Members	Term (in Years)
Board of Assessment Appeals	3	4
Board of Education	7	4
Board of Finance	7	4
Board of Police Commissioners	5	4
Board of Selectmen (including the First Selectman)	3	2
Planning and Zoning Commission	7	4
Zoning Board of Appeals	5	4
	(plus 3 alternates)	

Transition Provision Pertaining to the Board of Police Commissioners⁷⁹. No member serving on the Police Commission at the Effective Date of this amendment to the Charter shall have their terms shortened. Their terms shall conclude at 11:59:59 P.M. on the Tuesday following the elections of November 2027 and 2029, as applicable. The Electors shall vote for members to achieve the purposes of this provision as follows: (a) three members elected to a term of four years commencing at 12:00 A.M. on the Tuesday following the election in November 2027; and two members elected to a term of four years commencing at 12:00 A.M. on the Tuesday following the election of November 2029.

Section 6.3. Terms of Office; Election of Officials⁸⁰

(a) All terms of office for Elected Officials, including elected Boards and Commissions, shall commence on the Tuesday following the date of election, except that the term of office for Registrars of Voters shall commence on the Wednesday following the first

⁷⁶ 2026 revision of current §6.1.

⁷⁷ 2026 revision reducing the number of Police Commissioners from seven to five.

⁷⁸ 2026 revision of current 6.2(a) by removing any reference to an elected Town Clerk.

⁷⁹ New (2026)

⁸⁰ 2026 revision of title and repeal of current §6.3(c)

Monday of the January following their election. The Board of Selectmen-elect shall, from the date of its election, exclusively have all powers of the Board of Selectmen to make appointments and fill vacancies in offices and memberships on Boards, Commissions and Town committees.

(b) 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 at the organizational meeting of the Board of Commission⁸¹; 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.

Section 6.4. Certain Requirements for Elected Boards and Commissions.

(a) Limits on Majority Party Representation⁸². Unless otherwise required by the General Statutes or as otherwise set forth in this Charter, the political affiliation of the members of all elected Boards or Commissions or panel of alternates shall comply with the provisions of Section 1.9 of this Charter.

(b) Staggered Terms⁸³. Terms for members of Boards and Commissions shall continue to be staggered in the same manner as on the effective date of this amended and restated Charter.

(c) Election of At-Large Members of Boards and Commissions⁸⁴. The Electors shall vote for no more than maximum number of members of permitted for the majority party in at-large elections to Boards and Commissions, as determined by the Town Clerk. Each major or minor party, as defined by the General Statutes⁸⁵ and petitioning slates of candidates (if permitted by the General Statutes), may nominate up to maximum number of members permitted for the majority party and those candidates receiving the highest number of votes for open seats shall be elected.

Section 6.5. Compensation; Expenses; Levies

(a) The salary of the First Selectman shall be recommended by the Board of Selectmen, acting without the First Selectman's vote, and the salary, if any, to be paid to other Elected Officials shall be as recommended by the Board of Selectmen, in both instances subject to the normal budgetary approval processes.

(b) The salary of the First Selectman shall not be changed during the First Selectman's term⁸⁶.

⁸¹ 2026 revision of current §6.3(b).

⁸² 2026 revision of current §6.4.

⁸³ 2026 recodification and revision of current §6.4

⁸⁴ New (2026)

⁸⁵ **Comment of the 2026 Charter Revision Commission:** At the time of adoption "major" and "minor" parties are defined in C.G.S. § 9-372(5) and (6).

⁸⁶ 2026 recodification of current §6.5(b).

(c) If approved in advance by the First Selectman (or the First Selectman's designee), necessary non-budgeted expenses incurred by an Elected Official in connection with the performance of such Official's duties shall be paid by the Town upon the requisition of such Official in writing and approval of the Board of Selectmen⁸⁷.

(d) All fees, fines and levies of every kind paid to or on behalf of any Elected Official shall, to the extent not otherwise provided by General Statutes, applicable Special Acts, Ordinances and Resolutions, promptly be remitted to the Town's Finance Director/Treasurer and added to the General Fund of the Town.

Section 6.6. Special Provisions Regarding the Board of Education and Board of Police Commissioners.

(a) As permitted by the General Statutes, Resident Electors may vote for the number of members to be elected to the Board of Education, and the persons receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected, subject to the requirements of Section 1.9 of this Charter⁸⁸.

(b) The Board of Police Commissioners shall have the power to appoint the Town's Chief of Police⁸⁹.

⁸⁷ 2026 revision of current §6.5(c).

⁸⁸ 2026 revision of current §6.6(a)

⁸⁹ 2026 revision of current §6.6(c) by repealing the following language: "Not less than five percent of Qualified Voters may at any time file with the Town Clerk a petition that conforms to the requirements of Section 7-9 and 7-9a of the General Statutes requesting that a machine ballot be held to determine whether the position of Town Clerk should become an appointed position under the Charter. If, however, such proposed action has been voted upon by machine ballot within the preceding three years, the Board of Selectmen, in its sole discretion, may reject such petition and not hold a machine ballot on this issue...Unless the petition has been rejected pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this Section 6.6(c), the Board of Selectmen shall call a Special Town Meeting, to be held not less than ten nor more than thirty days after the date the petition was filed with the Town Clerk. After adequate discussion of this issue, the moderator shall adjourn the Town Meeting and the question of whether the Town Clerk shall be an appointed position shall be submitted to the Qualified Voters, not less than seven days nor more than fourteen days thereafter, for a "yes" or "no" vote on the voting machines during the hours permitted by Section 7-7 of the General Statutes. If a majority of those voting vote "yes," the position of Town Clerk shall become an appointed position, with a four-year term commencing upon the expiration of the term of office of the then Town Clerk, and the position of Town Clerk shall otherwise be subject to the provisions of Article 8 applicable to appointed Officers, without further action of the Board of Selectmen; otherwise the position of Town Clerk shall remain an elected office."

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ARTICLE 7 - ELECTIONS

Section 7.1. General

Nomination and election of federal and State officers, including Registrars of Voters, and of such elected positions as are provided for in the Charter shall be conducted, and the Registrars of Voters shall prepare lists of Resident Electors to vote therefor, in the manner prescribed in the General Statutes, except as hereinafter provided.

Unless otherwise provided by the Charter, election of Public Officials shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first (1st) Monday in November in the odd-numbered years.

Section 7.2. Voting Districts

There shall be one voting district for Town elections, and the Board of Selectmen shall provide a suitable polling place or polling places in the district.

Section 7.3. Voter Registration: Board of Admission of Electors⁹⁰.

Registration of voters shall be effected by a Board for Admission of Electors in accordance with C.G.S. §9-15a. The Board shall consist of the Town Clerk or Assistant Town Clerk and the Registrars of Voters. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Charter pertaining to Elector and minority representation requirements for members of Boards and Commissions, the members of the Board shall serve ex officio.

Section 7.4. Eligibility for Office

Each Elected Official shall be a Resident Elector and if, for any reason, such Official ceases to be a Resident Elector, said Official shall thereupon cease to hold elected office in Town, and such office shall become vacant.

Section 7.5. Breaking a Tie

When any regular or special Town election, primary election or referendum conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Charter results in a tie, an adjourned election shall be conducted to determine who shall be elected or, in the case of a question at referendum, whether it shall be accepted or rejected. The adjourned election or referendum shall be held during the period from the seventh (7th) Day to the fourteenth (14th) Day after the date of the election or referendum that resulted in a tie and shall be confined to the tied candidates or issues.

Section 7.6. Vacancies

(a) Should a vacancy occur in the office of First Selectman for any reason, the following procedure shall be followed:

⁹⁰ 2026 revision and minor edit of current §7.3.

(1) If the vacancy occurs less than six (6) months prior to the next regular date for the biennial election of Public Officials, the Selectman designated under Section 5.2 as the acting First Selectman (the "Acting First Selectman") shall fill the vacancy in the office of First Selectman for the remainder of the term.

(2) If the vacancy occurs six months or more prior to the next regular date for the biennial election of Public Officials, the Acting First Selectman shall fill the vacancy as First Selectman until a new First Selectman is elected in a special election. Such special election shall occur not more than thirty (30) Days after the vacancy in the office of First Selectman occurred.

(b) (1) Except in the case of a vacancy in the office of First Selectman, or as provided in the General Statutes and the Charter, any vacancy in an elected Town office, Board or Commission shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Selectmen for the unexpired portion of the term or until the next biennial election, whichever occurs sooner; provided, that if the person vacating the office has been elected as a member of a political party, such vacancy shall be filled by the appointment of a member of the same political party. In the event the person vacating the office has been elected independent of any political party, such vacancy shall be filled by the appointment of person of the same registration status as the person vacating the office⁹¹.

(2) If there is a biennial election before the expiration of the term of any office in which a vacancy occurs, such office shall be filled until such election by appointment as provided in (b)(i) above, and subsequently by the election of a person to fill that office for the remaining portion of the term, and such person shall take office upon election.

⁹¹ 2026 revision of current §7.6(b)(i)

ARTICLE 8 - APPOINTED OFFICIALS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Section 8.1. General Authority, Powers and Duties

(a) Authority, Powers and Duties⁹². All Appointed Public Officials, including Boards and Commissions, shall have the authority, powers and duties prescribed by the Charter, Ordinances and policies of the Board of Selectmen consistent therewith, as authorized by the General Statutes.

(b) Elector and Residency Requirements⁹³. All appointed members of Boards and Commissions shall be Electors; notwithstanding the foregoing, student members of Boards and Commissions shall be residents of the Town.

(c) Qualifications⁹⁴. All Public Officials who appoint members of Boards and Commissions are encouraged to consider the knowledge, expertise, experience, and diversity of appointees to Boards and Commissions.

Section 8.2. Appointed Public Officials, Boards and Commissions

The Board of Selectmen shall appoint the following Officials, Boards and Commissions:

(a) Appointed Officials	Term (if any, in years)	
Animal Control Officer	N/A	
Assessor	4	
Building Official ⁹⁵	4	
Emergency Management Director	N/A	
Fire Marshal	2	
Tax Collector	2	
Town Attorney	2	
Town Clerk ⁹⁶	N/A	
Tree Warden	2 ⁹⁷	

(b) Appointed Boards and Commissions	Number of Members	Term (in Years)
Board of Ethics	5	2
Building Board of Appeals	5	5
Commission for Children and Youth	9 (including 2 students)	3
Commission on the Arts	7 (plus 3 Alternates)	2
Commission on Aging	7	2
Conservation Commission	7	4
Historic District Commission	5 (plus 3	5

⁹² 2026 revision of current §8.1.

⁹³ New (2026).

⁹⁴ New (2026).

⁹⁵ 2026 revision by correcting the title.

⁹⁶ New (2026)

⁹⁷ 2026 revision to correspond to statutory requirement.

	alternates)	
Library Board	9	4
Panel of Moderators	4	4
Parks and Recreation Commission	7	4

Transition Provision. No member serving on the Board of Ethics at the Effective Date of this amendment to the Charter shall have their terms shortened. The Board of Selectmen shall make the appointments as alternates to the Commission on the Arts as follows: (a) one alternate to a term of two years commencing on the first (1st) Day of July 2027; and (b) two members to a term of two years commencing on the first (1st) Day of July 2028.

Section 8.3. Timing of Appointment; Election of Board and Commission Officers; Conduct of Meetings

(a) The Board of Selectmen shall make the appointments described in Section 8.2 not later than (i) the December 31 following or coincident with the expiration of the applicable individual's term of office, or (ii) sixty (60) Days following the expiration of such term of office, whichever occurs sooner. Such appointees shall take office on the effective date of their appointment. The Board of Selectmen shall give Public Notice of the expiration of the term of office of any member of an appointed Board or Commission not less than thirty (30) Days prior to such expiration date.

(b) 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.

(c) The Meetings of appointed Boards and Commissions shall be conducted, and Notice and minutes thereof shall be made available, in accordance with the provisions of the State Freedom of Information Act and otherwise in accordance with the General Statutes.

Section 8.4. Limits on Majority Party Representation on Appointed Boards and Commissions⁹⁸.

Unless otherwise required by the General Statutes or as otherwise set forth in this Charter, the political affiliation of the members of all appointed Boards or Commissions or panel of alternates shall comply with the provisions of Section 1.9 of this Charter.

Section 8.5. Vacancies and Removals

(a) **Vacancies.** Vacancies pertaining to Appointed Officials and Boards and Commissions shall be filled for the unexpired term by vote of the Board of Selectmen, unless otherwise provided in the statutes, Ordinance or Resolution creating the same. The Board of

⁹⁸ 2026 revision of current §8.4(a)

Selectmen shall give Public Notice of any such vacancy.

(b) Removals⁹⁹. Grounds for removal and procedures governing the process are set forth in Section 1.8, above.

Section 8.6. Special Provisions Regarding Certain Appointed Public Officials and Boards and Commissions

(a) Town Attorney.

(1) Appointment, Qualifications and Removal¹⁰⁰. The Town Attorney shall be the chief legal Official of the Town. The Town may retain the firm and designate one of its members to serve as Town Attorney. Said Town Attorney shall be attorney at law admitted to practice law in the State. Unless otherwise provided in this Section 8.6(a), the Town Attorney shall appear for and protect the rights of the Town in all actions, suits, or proceedings brought by or against it or any of its Officials, Boards, Commissions or committees. The Board of Selectmen, in its discretion, may remove the Town Attorney and appoint a new Town Attorney.

(2) Duties and responsibilities. The Town Attorney shall be the legal advisor to all Public Officials and Boards and Commissions in all matters affecting the Town and shall, upon prior written approval of the First Selectman, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, furnish them with an opinion on any questions of law submitted by such Public Official, Board or Commission involving their respective powers and duties.

(3) Contracts and Other Instruments. Upon request the Town Attorney shall prepare or approve forms of contracts or other instruments to which the Town is a party or in which it has an interest.

(4) Outside Counsel. The Board of Selectmen shall have the right, with regard to any matter, to retain counsel other than the Town Attorney. The attorney so selected shall act at the direction of the Board of Selectmen. However, if the Board of Selectmen, or any Selectman, is an adversary party to the Town and/or any of its Public Officials and Boards and Commissions, in that particular case, such counsel shall be appointed for the latter by the Board of Finance. The Town shall be under no obligation to supply counsel for any person with respect to any allegation of wrongdoing in office for personal gain or in the event that the Board of Selectmen is seeking to remove such person from office.

(b) Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission shall be the Commission that implements "The Inland Wetlands and Water Courses Act" and all applicable regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

(c) Panel of Moderators

⁹⁹ 2026 revision of current §8.5(b).

¹⁰⁰ 2026 revision of current §8.6(a)(i).

Each moderator shall be an Elector and shall have a working knowledge of or a demonstrable ability to easily comprehend basic parliamentary procedure and specifically, Robert's Rules of Order. The Panel of Moderators shall draft a common set of procedures to be used at all Town Meetings, using Robert's Rules of Order as a guideline. This shall be called the "Weston Town Moderators Handbook." The Panel of Moderators may revise the Handbook from time to time.

(d) Tax Collector

The Tax Collector is required to perform all of the duties and assume all of the responsibilities entrusted to Tax Collectors in accordance with the General Statutes, this Charter, the Ordinances or by the First Selectmen or Board of Selectmen consistent with the requirements of Law.¹⁰¹

(e) The Board of Ethics

(1) Membership¹⁰². The Board shall consist of five members, none of whom shall hold any elective or appointive Town office or be an Employee of the Town or be an officer of any political party.

(i) Composition of the Board¹⁰³. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1.9 of this Charter pertaining to minority party representation, not more than two members shall be from the same political party. Vacancies in the membership of the Board shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as regular appointments.

(ii) Terms¹⁰⁴. Board members shall serve for two-year terms. Of the first members appointed, three shall serve for three years, and two shall serve for two years. Thereafter, each member shall serve for a term of two years. No member may serve for more than six successive years and then may not serve for another two years before he/she may serve again.

(iii) Qualifications¹⁰⁵. In order to manifest and exemplify the highest standards of conduct, members are required to engage in mandatory training sessions offered by the Town, within forty-five (45) Days following initial appointment and prior to the commencement of any subsequent term thereon. Failure to participate in training sessions constitutes grounds for delay in the commencement of a subsequent term of office and/or removal from the Board of Ethics.

Transition Provision. No member serving on the Board of Ethics at the Effective

¹⁰¹ 2026 revision of current §8.6(d) by eliminating any reference with restoration of the Tax Collector to an elected position.

¹⁰² New (2026). Derived from Ord. §64-5.B.

¹⁰³ New (2026).

¹⁰⁴ New (2026). Derived from Ord. §64-5.C.

¹⁰⁵ New (2026).

Date of this amendment to the Charter shall have their terms shortened. The Board of Selectmen shall make the appointments to achieve the purposes of this provision as follows: (a) two members to a term of two years commencing on the first (1st) Day of January 2027; and, (b) three members to a term of two years commencing on the first (1st) Day of January 2028.

(2) **Authority**¹⁰⁶. The Board of Ethics shall be responsible for the following:

(i) objectively interpreting and applying the provisions of Section 1.4 of this Charter and the Code of Ethics in strict compliance with Law;

(ii) investigating, rendering probable cause findings, conducting hearings and resolving complaints of alleged violations of the Charter, the Code of Ethics and Law pertaining to allegations of unethical conduct, corrupting influence or illegal activities (including violations of federal or state laws¹⁰⁷) against any elected or appointed Public Official or Employee of the Town or any entity conducting business with the Town;

(iii) providing advisory opinions and policies pertaining to the applicable provisions of this Charter, the Code of Ethics or as otherwise may be proscribed by Law, on its own motion or as may be requested by elected or appointed Public Officials or Employees; and;

(iv) adopting such operating rules as the Board may adopt, consistent with the intent of Section 1.4, following consultation with the Town Attorney or an independent counsel assigned to the Board if requested by the Board

¹⁰⁶ Recodification and revision of the third sentence of current §10.1

¹⁰⁷ **Sec. 7-148h. Ethics commission; establishment and powers. Interest in conflict with discharge of duties.** (a) Any town, city, district, as defined in section [7-324](#), or borough may, by charter provision or ordinance, establish a board, commission, council, committee or other agency to investigate **allegations of unethical conduct, corrupting influence or illegal activities levied against any official, officer or employee of such town, city, district or borough.** The provisions of subsections (a) to (e), inclusive, of section [1-82a](#) shall apply to allegations before any such agency of such conduct, influence or activities, to an investigation of such allegations conducted prior to a probable cause finding, and to a finding of probable cause or no probable cause. Any board, commission, council, committee or other agency established pursuant to this section may issue subpoenas or subpoenas duces tecum, enforceable upon application to the Superior Court, to compel the attendance of persons at hearings and the production of books, documents, records and papers. (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any special act, municipal charter or ordinance to the contrary, an elected official of any town, city, district or borough that has established a board, commission, council, committee or other agency under subsection (a) of this section, has an interest that is in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of the official's duties or employment in the public interest and of the official's responsibilities as prescribed by the laws of this state, if the official has reason to believe or expect that the official, the official's spouse or dependent child, or a business with which he is associated, as defined in section [1-79](#), will derive a direct monetary gain or suffer a direct monetary loss, as the case may be, by reason of the official's official activity. Any such elected official does not have an interest that is in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of the official's duties in the public interest and of the official's responsibilities as prescribed by the laws of this state, if any benefit or detriment accrues to the official, the official's spouse or dependent child, or a business with which he, his spouse or such dependent child is associated as a member of a profession, occupation or group to no greater extent than to any other member of such profession, occupation or group. Any such elected official who has a substantial conflict may not take official action on the matter.

(3) Interference¹⁰⁸. The activities, votes and rulings of the Board shall not be subject to oversight or reversal by any Town Official, including Boards and Commissions; except in case of a removal proceeding as set forth in this Charter. The opinions of the Town Attorney required by this Charter shall not be deemed to constitute interference for purposes of this sub-section.

(4) Subpoena Authority¹⁰⁹. In the event the Town adopts an Ordinance conferring subpoena authority upon the Board of Ethics any subpoenas shall be issued in a manner consistent with the provisions of the General Statutes and shall pertain only to the adjudication of the subject of the allegations and complaint before the Board.

(i) Consultation with Town Attorney and Approval of Subpoena. In the event an authorizing Ordinance is adopted, the issuance of a subpoena shall require prior consultation with the Town Attorney or another attorney assigned to or retained by the Board of Ethics, in the event of a conflict on the part of the Town Attorney or the firm of the Town Attorney and approval by the affirmative vote of four member of the Board.

(ii) Authority to Adopt an Ordinance: Effective Date. The authority of the Board of Selectmen to enact an Ordinance effectuating the authority set forth in this provision shall be operative no earlier than one (1) year following the effective date of this Charter. Thereafter, the effective date of any such Ordinance shall be one (1) year from the date of adoption by the Board of Selectmen.

(5) Statutory Provisions Pertaining to Probable Cause: Authority to Dismiss Allegations¹¹⁰. The provisions of subsections (a) to (e), inclusive, of C.G.S. [§1-](#)

¹⁰⁸ New (2026).

¹⁰⁹ New (2026). Derived from C.G.S. §7-148h(a).

¹¹⁰ New (2026). **Drafting Note:** The enabling legislation incorporates by reference C.G.S. §1-82a which sets forth procedural safeguards and protocols for ethics cases, as follows: **C.G.S. Sec. 1-82a. Confidentiality of complaints, evaluations of possible violations and investigations. Publication of findings.** (a) Unless a judge trial referee makes a finding of probable cause, a complaint alleging a violation of this part, section [1-101bb](#) or section [1-101nn](#) shall be confidential except upon the request of the respondent. An evaluation of a possible violation of this part, section [1-101bb](#) or section [1-101nn](#) by the Office of State Ethics prior to the filing of a complaint shall be confidential except upon the request of the subject of the evaluation. If the evaluation is confidential, any information supplied to or received from the Office of State Ethics shall not be disclosed to any third party by a subject of the evaluation, a person contacted for the purpose of obtaining information or by the ethics enforcement officer or staff of the Office of State Ethics. No provision of this subsection shall prevent the Office of State Ethics from reporting the possible commission of a crime to the Chief State's Attorney or other prosecutorial authority. (b) An investigation conducted prior to a probable cause finding shall be confidential except upon the request of the respondent. If the investigation is confidential, the allegations in the complaint and any information supplied to or received from the Office of State Ethics shall not be disclosed during the investigation to any third party by a complainant, respondent, witness, designated party, or board or staff member of the Office of State Ethics. (c) Not later than three business days after the termination of the investigation, the Office of State Ethics shall inform the complainant and the respondent of its finding and provide them a summary of its reasons for making that finding. The Office of State Ethics shall publish its finding upon the respondent's request and may also publish a summary of its reasons for making such finding. (d) If a judge trial referee makes a finding of no probable cause, the complaint and the record of the Office of State Ethics' investigation shall remain confidential, except upon the request of the respondent and except that some or all of the record may be used in subsequent proceedings. No complainant, respondent, witness, designated party, or board or staff member of the Office of State Ethics shall disclose to any third party any information learned from the investigation, including knowledge of the existence of a complaint, which the disclosing party would not otherwise have known. If such a disclosure is made, the judge trial referee

[82a](#) shall apply to allegations before the Board of Ethics of such conduct, influence or activities, to an investigation of such allegations conducted prior to a probable cause finding, and to a finding of probable cause or no probable cause. The Board may, in its sole discretion, dismiss such allegations in the event the allegations are disclosed, unless the subject of the probable cause allegations requests public disclosure of such allegations.

Section 8.7. Compensation; Expenses; Levies

(a) The amount of compensation, if any, to be paid to Appointed Public Officials shall be set as provided in General Statutes, applicable Special Acts, Ordinances and Resolutions, and in absence thereof, by the Board of Selectmen.

(b) If approved in advance by the First Selectman (or the First Selectman's designee), necessary non-budgeted expenses incurred by an appointed Public Official, including members of an appointed Board or Commission in connection with the performance of such Official's duties shall be paid by the Town upon the requisition of such Official or Board or Commission in writing and approval of the Board of Selectmen.

(c) All fees, fines and levies of every kind paid to or on behalf of any appointed Public Official shall, to the extent not otherwise provided by General Statutes, applicable Special Acts, Ordinances and Resolutions, promptly be remitted to the Finance Director/Treasurer¹¹¹ and added to the General Fund of the Town.

may, after consultation with the respondent if the respondent is not the source of the disclosure, publish the judge trial referee's finding and a summary of the judge trial referee's reasons therefor. (e) The judge trial referee shall make public a finding of probable cause not later than five business days after any such finding. At such time the entire record of the investigation shall become public, except that the Office of State Ethics may postpone examination or release of such public records for a period not to exceed fourteen days for the purpose of reaching a stipulation agreement pursuant to subsection (c) of section 4-177. Any such stipulation agreement or settlement shall be approved by a majority of those members present and voting. (P.A. 84-52, S. 2; P.A. 85-290, S. 2; P.A. 88-317, S. 40, 107; June 12 Sp. Sess. P.A. 91-1, S. 15; P.A. 94-132, S. 2; P.A. 05-183, S. 7; 05-287, S. 40; P.A. 06-196, S. 7; P.A. 18-137, S. 18.).

¹¹¹ 2026 Revision.

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ARTICLE 9 - FINANCE AND TAXATION

Section 9.1. Preliminary Budget Estimates

(d) Budget Requests¹¹². All budget requests shall be made on or before January 14th of each year, except that the Board of Education request shall be made on or before February 3rd.

(e) Contents of Request¹¹³. These requests shall be filed with the First Selectman and shall contain a detailed estimate of expenditures and revenues, other than tax revenues, in the ensuing Fiscal Year. Except for the request by the Board of Education, such estimates shall be accompanied by a statement setting forth, in such form as the First Selectman may prescribe, the services, activities and work accomplished during the current Fiscal Year and to be accomplished during the ensuing Fiscal Year.

(f) Public Forum by the Board of Education¹¹⁴. On or before February 3rd of each year prior to approval of a proposed budget request, the Board of Education shall conduct a Public Forum for the purpose of engaging in a dialogue regarding the proposed budget request for the ensuing Fiscal Year. In order to facilitate dialogue, based on a common set of facts, the Board of Education shall (1) post on its website the proposed budget request and (2) repost the latest version of the quarterly report of current and projected expenditures and revenues as required by Law.¹¹⁵

Section 9.2. Duties of the First Selectman on the Budget¹¹⁶

The First Selectman shall compile preliminary estimates for the Town's operating budget, the Board of Education's operating budget, the capital improvement budget and the Town's debt service (which shall be referred to collectively as the "Annual Town Budget") for the ensuing Fiscal Year. Not later than February 10th of each year, the First Selectman shall present to the Board of Selectmen a proposed budget consisting of:

(a) The budget message outlining the proposed financial policy of the Town government, describing the important features of the proposed Annual Town Budget, indicating any major changes from the current Fiscal Year in financial policies, expenditures and revenues together with the reasons for such changes, and containing a clear summary of the Annual Town Budget's contents;

(b) Estimates of revenue, including the receipts collected in the last completed Fiscal Year, the receipts collected during the current Fiscal Year prior to the time of preparing the estimates, the receipts estimated to be collected during the current Fiscal Year, estimates of the receipts, other than from the property tax, to be collected in the ensuing Fiscal Year, and an estimate of the then available surplus; and

¹¹² 2026 recodification of current §9.1

¹¹³ 2026 recodification of current §9.1

¹¹⁴ New (2026)

¹¹⁵ Required by C.G.S. §10-248c, adopted in 2019. Requires posting on the website and filing with the Board of Selectmen.

¹¹⁶ 2026 revision of current §9.2.

(c) Itemized expenditures for each Town Department and each Board and Commission for the last completed Fiscal Year, expenditures for the current Fiscal Year prior to the time of preparing the estimates, total estimated expenditures for the current Fiscal Year, and the First Selectmen's recommendations for the ensuing Fiscal Year for all items except those of the Board of Education, which the First Selectman shall transmit to the Selectmen as submitted to the First Selectman by the Board of Education. The First Selectman shall present reasons for all of the First Selectman's recommendations.

(d) Capital Projects for the Fiscal Year¹¹⁷. The First Selectman shall recommend to the Board of Selectmen those capital projects to be undertaken during the ensuing Fiscal Year and the method of financing same.

(e) Five Year Program of Public Improvements: Discretionary Provision¹¹⁸. As part of the budget of the First Selectman, the First Selectman may present a program previously considered and acted upon by the Town Planning and Zoning Commission, in accordance with C.G.S. §8-24, of proposed municipal improvement projects for the ensuing Fiscal Year and for at least the five Fiscal Years thereafter. Estimates of the costs of such projects shall be submitted annually in the form and manner prescribed by the First Selectman.

Section 9.3. Duties of the Board of Selectmen on the Budget¹¹⁹

The Board of Selectmen shall review the First Selectman's proposed Annual Town Budget, including the proposed budget of the Board of Education. The proposed Annual Town Budget, including such alterations or changes deemed necessary by the Board of Selectmen, shall be presented to the Board of Finance not later than March 1st of each year. The proposed Annual Town Budget shall include the budget proposal of the Board of Education, but any changes to the Board of Education's proposed budget as may desired by the Board of Selectmen shall be in the form of recommendations only.

Section 9.4. Duties of the Board of Finance on the Budget¹²⁰

(a) Public Hearings and Public Forum. After the Board of Finance has received from the Board of Selectmen the proposed Annual Town Budget, the Board of Finance shall hold one or more Public Hearings at least two (2) weeks before the date of the Annual Town Budget Meeting, at which any Qualified Voter may be heard regarding the recommended appropriations for the ensuing Fiscal Year¹²¹. The first such Public Hearing shall be conducted as a Public Forum for the purpose of engaging in a dialogue with the public on the proposed Annual Town Budget¹²².

(b) Presentation of Recommendations of the Board of Selectmen by the First

¹¹⁷ 2026 recodification of the third paragraph of §9.2 (reversing position with the second paragraph)..

¹¹⁸ 2026 recodification of the second paragraph of §9.2 (reversing position with the third paragraph)..

¹¹⁹ 2026 minor revision of current §9.3.

¹²⁰ 2026 revision of current §9.4.

¹²¹ 2026 revision and recodification of current §9.4(a)(first sentence).

¹²² New (2026).

Selectman at Public Forum. At the Public Forum the First Selectman shall present the recommendations of the Board of Selectmen as set forth in the proposed Annual Town Budget and the individual appropriations comprising the Budget for the ensuing Fiscal Year¹²³. The First Selectmen shall make available such Public Officials as may be required by the Board of Finance to facilitate public dialogue during the Forum¹²⁴. At any Public Forum, the Chair of the Board of Finance shall appoint a member of the Panel of Moderators to preside and facilitate the dialogue between the public and Public Officials¹²⁵.

(c) Notice and Required Distribution of Proposed Appropriations¹²⁶. At least ten (10) Days in advance of any such Public Hearing, the Board of Finance shall give Public Notice of such Public Hearing and where applicable, the Public Forum, together with the proposed appropriations of the Board of Selectmen and the proposed appropriations of the Board of Education, in condensed form. Sufficient copies of the proposed appropriations shall be made available for general distribution in the office of the Town Clerk, online and at the Public Hearing or Forum.

(d) Recommendations of the Board of Finance and transmittal to the Annual Town Budget Meeting¹²⁷. After the Public Hearing(s) the Board of Finance shall make such revisions to the proposed appropriations as the Board of Finance deems advisable and shall thereafter recommend the proposed appropriations (as revised by the Board of Finance, if applicable) to the Annual Town Budget Meeting.

Section 9.5. The Annual Town Budget Meeting

(a) Transmittal to the Annual Town Budget Meeting¹²⁸. The proposed Annual Town Budget, as revised by the Board of Finance, including the estimates of revenue and itemized expenditures (of the Town Departments, including the Board of Education) and capital projects for the Fiscal Year shall be transmitted to the Annual Town Budget Meeting held no later than the end of the first (1st) full week in May of each year.

(b) Transmittal to Referendum¹²⁹. The Annual Town Budget Meeting shall be conducted as a Public Forum in order to facilitate public dialogue and discussion only on the proposed Annual Town Budget, which shall then be sent to referendum in accordance with this Charter. Representatives of the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance and Board of Education shall be available to participate in the Forum, which shall be conducted by a member of the Panel of Moderators as appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

Section 9.6. The Annual Town Budget Referendum

Voting on the proposed Annual Town Budget shall be by machine voting. There shall be separate votes on the following components of the Annual Town Budget: (i) the Town's proposed

¹²³ 2026 revision and recodification of current §9.4(a)(fourth sentence)

¹²⁴ New (2026)

¹²⁵ New (2026).

¹²⁶ 2026 revision and recodification of current §9.4(a)(second and third sentences)

¹²⁷ 2026 revision and recodification of current §9.4(b)

¹²⁸ 2026 revision of current §9.5(a).

¹²⁹ 2026 revision of current §9.5(b)-(d).

operating budget, (ii) the Board of Education's proposed operating budget and (iii) the proposed capital improvement budget. 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. Voting shall recommence between seven (7) and fourteen (14) Days following the Annual Town Budget Meeting and shall occur during the hours permitted by C.G.S. §7-7. Each component of the proposed Annual Town Budget set forth above shall be approved if a majority of Qualified Voters who vote approve that component. At the discretion of the Board of Selectmen, the ballot may permit any Qualified Voters who wish to reject a proposed component or components of the Annual Town Budget to indicate whether they would reject the proposed component(s) because they are too high or because they are too low.

Section 9.7. Procedure if the Budget is Rejected

(a) If one or more components the proposed Annual Town Budget are not approved pursuant to Section 9.6, the component(s) of proposed Budget that have not been approved shall be reconsidered by the Board of Finance and such component(s) shall be resubmitted to Qualified Voters between ten (10) and twenty-one (21) Days after the date the machine voting was completed under Section 9.6. Voting shall occur by machine ballot, and Public Notice of such vote shall be given at least five (5) Days prior to the date of the vote. The resubmitted proposed component(s) of the Annual Town Budget shall be approved if a majority of Qualified Voters who vote approve such component(s). At the discretion of the Board of Selectmen, the ballot may permit any Qualified Voters who wish to reject a component or components of the proposed Annual Town Budget to indicate whether they would reject the proposed component(s) because they are too high or because they are too low.

(b) Should any component of the proposed Annual Town Budget be rejected again, the process described in Section 9.7(a) shall be repeated with respect to that component until the Annual Town Budget is approved.

(c) In the event that the Annual Town Budget has not been adopted by July 1st of any year, the budget appropriations of the previous Fiscal Year shall serve as an interim budget to allow for the continued operation of Town services, and the Board of Selectmen, with the approval of the Board of Finance, from month to month thereafter until the Annual Town Budget has been approved, may meet the obligations of the Town in accordance with said interim budget (i) by borrowing funds by way of tax anticipation notes, (ii) by taxation at a mill rate set by Resolution of the Board of Selectmen, (iii) by drawing upon funds in possession of the Town, or (iv) by a combination of two or more of these means; provided that if option (i) or option (ii), or a combination of them, is utilized, then within ten (10) Days after the Annual Town Budget has been approved the mill rate shall be fixed sufficient to fund the total anticipated obligations of the Town during the remainder of the Fiscal Year, including the repayment of all tax anticipation notes outstanding.

Section 9.8. Filing the Approved Budget

An official copy of the Annual Town Budget as finally approved shall be filed by the Board of Finance with the Town Clerk within one week following final approval. Within ten (10) Days after the approval of the Annual Town Budget, the Board of Finance shall, by Resolution, fix the tax rate in mills that shall be levied on the taxable property in the Town for the applicable Fiscal

Year.

Section 9.9. Additional and Supplemental Appropriations

(a) The Board of Selectmen shall have the power to make an appropriation or appropriations in addition to those provided in the Annual Town Budget for any Town Department, Board or Commission in a sum not exceeding \$10,000 in a Fiscal Year, provided that the total sum so appropriated for all Town Departments, Boards and Commissions in any Fiscal Year shall not exceed \$100,000;

(b) The Board of Selectmen shall also have the power to make, upon the prior approval of the Board of Finance, supplemental appropriations beyond those appropriated under Section 9.9(a) above, for one or more specific purposes, provided the total sum appropriated under this Section 9.9(b) in any Fiscal Year shall not exceed two percent of the then current tax levy.

Funds for such additional and supplemental appropriations shall, as directed by the Board of Selectmen, be provided from the following:

- (i)** available unappropriated and unencumbered General Fund cash balance;
- (ii)** the Reserve Fund for Capital and Non-recurring Expenditures, if for a capital expenditure; or
- (iii)** the Town's Contingency Fund.

(c) Any Public Official, including Boards or Commissions may apply at any time for an appropriation in excess of the amounts available under this Section 9.9 (a) and (b), but only in the amount, and on terms, approved by the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Finance and a Town Meeting.

Section 9.10. Expenditures and Accounting

(a) No purchases shall be made by any Official, Board or Commission, other than the Board of Education, and the Library Board for library holdings, regardless of format, except through the First Selectman.

(b) No voucher, claim or charge against the Town, except the Board of Education, shall be paid until the voucher, claim or charge has been (i) audited by the First Selectman (or the First Selectman's designee) and (ii) approved by the First Selectman or such designee for correctness and validity. Checks shall be drawn by the First Selectman for the payment of approved claims and shall be valid only when countersigned by the Treasurer. In the absence or inability to act of either the First Selectman or the Treasurer with respect to the above duty, the acting First Selectman determined in accordance with Section 5.2 shall substitute for the First Selectman, and the Treasurer shall designate an individual to countersign checks, as the case may be.

(c) Transfers within Same Department¹³⁰. The Board of Selectmen, when requested by any Public Official, Town Department, Board or Commission, except the Board of Education, may make budget neutral transfers in amounts not to exceed fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars within said Department's own operating budget at any time during the Fiscal Year. However, any transfers made under this section shall not increase the number of Town Employees or encumber future budgets without prior approval of the Board of Finance. Transfers within a department in excess of fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars are subject to the prior approval of the Board of Finance.

(d) Transfers between Departments¹³¹. The Board of Selectmen, when requested by any authorized Public Official, Town Department, Board or Commission, except the Board of Education, may make budget transfers of unencumbered appropriations, balances or portions thereof during the last six (6) months of the Fiscal Year from one Town Department to another in amounts not to exceed fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars. However, any transfers made under this section shall not increase the total amount of the Town's annual budget, increase the number of Town Employees or encumber future budgets without prior approval of the Board of Finance. Transfers between departments that exceed fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars are subject to the prior approval of the Board of Finance.

(e) Fiscal Year-End Transfers: Fiscal Closeout¹³². This section is to provide for the orderly closing of the Town's financial records at the end of each Fiscal Year. Upon the recommendation of the Director of Finance, the Board of Selectmen may authorize limited transfers of unexpended and unencumbered appropriations between Departments as necessary to: (i) balance accounts for the Fiscal Year in any Department or account; (ii) satisfy obligations approved and incurred during the fiscal year; or (iii) correct accounting discrepancies identified during year-end reconciliation. Such transfers shall be acted upon by the Board of Finance on or about ninety (90) Days after the end of the Fiscal Year; provided, however, that this provision shall not apply to the Board of Education.

(f) Contingency Transfers¹³³. A Contingency Account shall exist in the Town Operating Budget from which the Board of Selectmen may expend in any Fiscal Year to transfer for any purpose or purposes not anticipated in the budget. Such account shall not exceed 1/8 of 1% of the total Annual Town Budget amount, less non-tax revenue, in the prior year. Expenditures from the Contingency Account shall have the prior approval of the Board of Finance.

(g) Public Emergency Transfers¹³⁴. In the event of a public emergency affecting the safety, health, or welfare of the Town, the Board of Selectmen may authorize the transfer of funds from contingency accounts or other available unencumbered balances. Any such transfer shall be submitted to the Board of Finance for approval at its next Meeting.

(h) Lapse of Appropriations for Construction or Other Permanent Improvements¹³⁵. Appropriations for construction or other permanent improvements, from

¹³⁰ 2026 revision of current §9.10(c).

¹³¹ New (2026).

¹³² 2026 revision of current §9.10(c).

¹³³ New (2026)

¹³⁴ New (2026)

¹³⁵ 2026 recodification and minor revision of current §9.10(e).

whatever source derived, shall not lapse until the purpose for which the appropriation was made has been accomplished or abandoned. A project shall be deemed to have been abandoned if three consecutive Fiscal Years have elapsed without any expenditure from or encumbrance of the appropriation therefor. Any portion of an appropriation relating to that project that remains unexpended and unencumbered at the close of such third Fiscal Year shall lapse.

(i) Prohibited Payments and Expenditures. ¹³⁶ Every payment made in violation of the Charter shall be deemed illegal. With regard to any such payment:

(1) Every person receiving such payment, or any part thereof, shall be jointly and severally liable for the full amount so received.

(2) Any Public Official or Employee who knowingly authorizes, makes, or takes part in such payment shall be jointly and severally liable for the full amount so paid and may further be subject to removal pursuant to Section 7.7 or Section 8.5(b), as applicable, and such other sanctions as may be prescribed by law.

(3) The Town Attorney or a designee chosen by the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to sue for the recovery of any such payment and other applicable damages, fees, and costs as permitted by law before any court of competent jurisdiction.

Section 9.11. Power to Incur Indebtedness

The Town shall have the power to incur indebtedness by issuing its bonds or notes as provided by the General Statutes subject to the limitations thereof and the provisions of Sections 3.4(a), 3.5, and 9.5.

Section 9.12. Contributions

The Town shall make no charitable or similar contribution to any person, organization or private corporation unless such contribution is (a) included in a category so denominated in the Annual Town Budget or (b) authorized by the General Statutes and approved by the First Selectman, the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance.

¹³⁶ 2026 revision of Sec. 9.11(f).

ARTICLE 10 – _____

ARTICLE 11 - _____

ARTICLE 12 - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 12.1. Amendment of Charter

The Charter may be amended in the manner prescribed by the General Statutes.

Section 12.2. Saving Clause

If any Section or part of any Section shall be held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the remainder of the Charter or the context in which such Section or part thereof so held invalid may appear, except to the extent that an entire Section or part of a Section may be inseparably connected in meaning and effect with the Section or part of a Section to which such holding shall directly apply.

Section 12.3. Relationship Between the Connecticut General Statutes and the Charter

In general, the Charter shall be subject to the provisions of the General Statutes, and in the event that the Charter and the General Statutes conflict, the General Statutes shall govern. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent that it is legally permissible under the terms of the State's Home Rule Act and judicial interpretations thereof for the Charter to contain terms that are inconsistent with other provisions of the General Statutes, such terms of the Charter shall govern.

Section 12.4. Periodic Review and Amendment of the Charter¹³⁷

No later than ten years from October 1, 2025, the Board of Selectmen shall appoint a Charter Revision Commission, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the General Statutes, to review the state of the Charter and to consider potential revisions. Following the appointment of any Charter Revision Commission after October 1, 2025, the Board of Selectman shall appoint a subsequent Charter Revision Commission no later than ten years from October 1st of the year in which the most recent Charter Revision Commission was appointed. Nothing in this Charter is intended to limit the power of the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Charter Revision Commission pursuant to the General Statutes more frequently than provided for in this section.

Section 12.5. Existing Laws and Ordinances

All Ordinances of the Town shall continue in full force and effect, except insofar as they are inconsistent with the provisions of the Charter. All special acts or parts of special acts relating to the Town of Weston, except those expressly retained by or in the provisions of the Charter are repealed. The special acts or parts thereof set forth in Appendix B are retained.

Section 12.6. Effective Date

This amended and restated Charter shall become effective on the day following its

¹³⁷ New (2026) replacing current 12.4 entitled "Gender" which was moved to Chapter 1.

adoption by the Resident Electors.

APPENDIX A

(a) Incorporation.

All the inhabitants dwelling within the territorial limits of the Town of Weston, as presently constituted, shall continue to be a body politic and corporate under the name of the "Town of Weston," in the Charter called the "Town." As such, it shall have perpetual succession and may hold and exercise all powers and privileges heretofore exercised by the Town and not inconsistent with the provisions of the Charter. It shall also have the additional powers and privileges herein conferred, and all powers and privileges conferred upon towns under the General Statutes.

(b) Rights and Obligations

All rights in and to property, both real and personal, all rights of action, and rights of every description, and all securities and liens, vested in the Town as of the date this amended and restated Charter shall take effect, are continued. The Town shall continue to be liable for its debts and obligations. Nothing herein shall be construed to affect the right of the Town to collect any assessment, charge, debt or lien.

If, prior to the effective date of this amended and restated Charter, any contract has been entered into by the Town, or any bond or undertaking has been given by or in favor of the Town which contains provisions that the same may be enforced by any office or agency therein named which is hereby or hereunder abolished, such contracts, bonds or undertakings shall continue in full force and effect. The powers conferred and the duties imposed with reference to the same upon any such office or agency shall, except as otherwise provided in the Charter, thereafter be exercised and discharged by the Board of Selectmen.

(c) General Grant of Powers

In addition to all powers granted to towns under the Constitution of the State of Connecticut and the General Statutes, the Town shall have all powers specifically granted by the Charter and all powers fairly implied in or incident to the powers expressly granted and all other powers incident to the management of the property, government and affairs of the Town, including the power to enter into contracts with the United States or any federal agency, the State or any political subdivision thereof for services and the use of facilities, the exercise of which is not expressly forbidden by the Constitution of the State of Connecticut and the General Statutes.

The enumeration of particular powers in this and any other provision of the Charter shall not be construed as limiting this general grant of power, but shall be considered as an addition thereto.

APPENDIX B

Resolution of the Second Thursday of October 1787, incorporating the Town of Weston;

Act of July 22, 1875 to set off Weston to the Probate District of Westport;

Resolution of March 9, 1877 establishing and continuing the line between the towns of Weston and Wilton;

Special Act No. 151 of 1921;

Special Act No. 84 of 1933;

Special Act No. 149 of 1933;

Special Act No. 567 of 1939 Special Act No. 620 of 1955; and,

Special Act No. 27 of 1979.

NOTE: FROM THE WEBSITE
Chapter SA

ACTS RELATING TO WESTON

SA-1. Resolve of October 1787, Incorporation of Town of Weston.

At a General Assembly holden at New Haven on the Second Thursday of October, A. D. 1787.

Upon the petition of the inhabitants of the Parish of North Fairfield in the County of Fairfield and of the inhabitants of that part of the Parish of Norfield which lies in the Township of Fairfield in said county, praying to be incorporated into a distinct and separate town, as per petition on file.

Resolved by this Assembly that all the inhabitants who live within the limits of the Parish of North Fairfield in the County of Fairfield, and all the inhabitants who live in that part of the Parish of Norfield, which lies in the Township of Norfield, in said county, be and they hereby are incorporated into a distinct, separate town by the Name of the Town of Weston, with full power and authority to have, use, occupy and enjoy all the rights, privileges and immunities, which pertain to the several towns in this state respectively, with the following exception only, to wit, that they be allowed but one representative to sit in the General Assembly of this state, and that all the lands which are contained within the line and limits of the Parish of North Fairfield aforesaid, and all the lands which are contained within the lines and limits of that part of the Parish of Norfield lying in Fairfield aforesaid be and belong to said Town of Weston, bounded in the manner following (viz) west on the east line of Norwalk; southerly on the Parishes of Greens Farms, Greenfield and Stratfield; easterly on the Parish of North Stratford, running westerly from the dwelling house now occupied by Walker Sherman, then running westerly on said line until it comes to the westerly corner of said New Stratford Parish; from thence a strait line to the dwelling house of Abraham Higgins including said house within the Parish of North Fairfield, from thence in the same direction until it comes to the southerly line of the Town of Newtown, and on all other parts of the line of said Newtown and on the Town of Redding untill it comes to the said easterly line of Norwalk . . . And it is further resolved that the line as mentioned above running from the westerly corner of New Stratford to Newtown southerly line be and the same is and shall be hereafter considered as a dividing line between the said Parish of New Stratford and the Parish of North Fairfield.

And be it further resolved that said inhabitants incorporated as aforesaid shall be entitled to their part and proportion of all the publick securities and bills emitted by this state now in the hands of the treasurer of said Town of Fairfield which part and proportion shall be estimated according to the list of those persons who at the time of passing this resolve belonged to and were inhabitants of that part of said North Fairfield lying in said Township of Fairfield, and of those who at the time of passing this resolve belonged to and were inhabitants of that part of Norfield as before described, but that said persons or inhabitants incorporated as aforesaid have no part or share in any publick monies or publick stocks belonging to said Town of Fairfield, and that according to said lists they take their proportion of the poor of said Town of Fairfield, and according to the same lists pay their proportion of the debts due and owing from said Town of Fairfield. And that said persons or inhabitants incorporated as aforesaid shall be entitled to receive from the Town of Stratford in the county aforesaid such proportion of the school monies and other public monies and public stocks, which at the time of passing this resolve belonged to the said Town of Stratford as is the right of said persons, or inhabitants of said Parish of North Fairfield, who live within the limits of said Town of Stratford according to their lists, and according to said lists shall be entitled to all debts due and owing to said Town of Stratford, and that according to said lists they take their proportion of the poor of said Town of Stratford and pay their proportion of all debts due and owing from said Town of Stratford to the passing of this resolve.

And it is further resolved that all sheriffs and other officers shall have full power and authority to levy and

warrant or execution that now is or may be granted against the said Town of Fairfield for any debt due at the time of passing this resolve, or for any tax granted, or to be granted on any list brought in before or at the present session of the General Assembly, upon the persons or estate of any inhabitants living within that part of said incorporated limits which belonged to said Town of Fairfield who is liable to pay said debt or tax, in the same manner as if this resolve never had passed. And all sheriffs and other officers, in like manner shall have full power and authority to levy any warrant or execution that is or may be granted against the said Town of Stratford, for any debt due or any tax granted or to be granted as aforesaid, upon the person or estate of any inhabitant living in that part of the Parish of North Fairfield which at the time of passing this Resolve belonged to the said Town of Stratford, and who is liable to pay said debt or tax.

And that the inhabitants of said Town of Weston shall hold their meeting at the publick meeting house in said Parish of North Fairfield on the fourteenth day of November next at two o'clock in the afternoon, and that Samuel Wakeman, Esq. of said Weston shall be and he is hereby empowered and authorized to cause said meeting to be warned and said Samuel Wakeman shall preside as moderator of said meeting untill a moderator shall be chosen, at which meeting said Town of Weston shall have liberty and authority to choose all such town officers as other towns in this state have a right to choose, who shall be vested with the same power which like officers in said other towns are vested, and shall continue in office untill others shall be chosen and sworn in their stead.

SA-2. Resolve of May 1835, Incorporation of Westport.

RESOLVE INCORPORATING THE TOWN OF WESTPORT

Passed May, 1835

Resolved by this Assembly, That the parts of the several towns of Fairfield, Norwalk, and Weston, in Fairfield county, lying within the following limits, namely: commencing at the northwest corner bound of the Town of Fairfield, on Sturges' highway, so called, and running southerly, in the center of said highway, to a point half a mile south of the crop highway, so called; thence westerly to a stone bridge in the highway, south and near the dwelling house of Lockwood Jarrod; thence southerly in the center of said highway last mentioned, past the dwelling house of Hackwood Baker to where said highway turns westerly; and thence southeasterly to the west fence of the old burying ground in Green's Farms; thence following the course of said fence, to Compo creek, so called; thence following the east side of said creek to Gallup's cross-bridge, so called, the east end thereof; thence in a due south course to Long Island Sound; again commencing at the first mentioned bound, and running westerly, in said Weston, across Aspatuck and Saugatuck rivers, passing north of the dwelling-house of Ruel Sherwood, to the dividing line between the towns of Weston and Norwalk, at a stone bridge in the highway, a little south of the dwelling-house of the late Daniel Dikeman, deceased; thence northerly in said highway, on the line between said Weston and Norwalk, to the northeast corner boundary of said Norwalk; thence following the dividing line between Norwalk and Wilton to a stone bound on said dividing line in the highway northwesterly of the dwelling-house of the late James Fellow, deceased, and near an oak tree, long known as a town bound between said Norwalk and Wilton; thence southerly to the center of the road, at the four corners, so called, near the blacksmith's shop lately occupied by Davis Olmstead, deceased; thence in the center of said highway passing David M. Fellos' dwelling-house southerly to the barn commonly known by the name of Murry's barn; thence southerly to a stone bridge over Saugatuck brook so called, a little west of Joseph Scribner's on the old county road, so called; thence southerly to the center of the highway leading round Duck pond so called, and following the center of said highway until it passes the head of said pond; and thence in a due south course to Long Island Sound; south on Long Island Sound embracing the islands situated south of said territory in Long Island Sound and in this state, with all the inhabitants residing therein, be, and the same is hereby incorporated into a distinct town by the name of "Westport"; and the inhabitants aforesaid and their successors forever, residing within said limits, shall have and enjoy all the powers, privileges, and

immunities which are enjoyed by other towns in this state, with the privilege of sending one representative to the general assembly of this state.

Said new town shall pay such proportion of all debts and claims now due and accrued against each of the towns from which it is taken; and of all such debts and claims as either of said towns shall hereafter be liable to pay by reason of any claims now existing, except claims on contract for building any new townhouse, which house is not now completed, or for money borrowed for that purpose, as the list of 1834 of the part taken from any such indebted town bears to the whole list of such town the same year.

And the poor of said towns of Fairfield, Norwalk, and Weston, who were born within the limits hereby incorporated, and who have not gained a settlement elsewhere, and who have gained a settlement within said limits, shall be deemed inhabitants of said town of Westport, and shall be maintained accordingly whether said poor are now maintained by said towns or not; and said town of Westport shall be liable to maintain all such poor of the towns from which it is taken as are or may be absent therefrom, provided such person or persons at the time of their departure belonged to either of those parts of said towns hereby incorporated, or resided therein.

That the collectors of the state and town taxes of the respective towns of Fairfield, Norwalk, and Weston aforesaid are hereby authorized to collect their respective taxes already laid, in the same manner as though this resolve had not passed; but if the taxes thus collected by either of the towns last mentioned exceed the whole amount of such debts and claims against such town as the town hereby incorporated is bound by this act to pay its proportion, then such town shall pay over to said Westport such proportion of the balance left as the list of the part hereby taken from such town on which such tax is laid bears to the whole list of such towns the same year.

The first meeting of said town of Westport shall be held on the third Tuesday of June, 1835, at the Presbyterian meeting-house in said Westport, and Thomas F. Rowland, Esq., and in case of his failure, James C. Loomis, Esq., shall be moderator of said meeting, and shall warn said meeting by setting up a notification of the same on the oak tree near said meeting-house and at such other place or places as either of said persons may deem proper, at least five days before said first meeting.

And said town of Westport shall at said first meeting have all the powers incident to other towns in this state, and full right to act accordingly; to elect town officers, and the officers so elected at such meeting shall hold their offices until others are chosen and sworn in their stead.

SA-3. Resolve of 1845, Incorporation of Town of Easton.

CONSTITUTING THE TOWN OF EASTON

Passed 1845

Upon the petition of Levi Coley and others, of the town of Weston, praying for the incorporation of a new town:

Resolved by this Assembly, That all that part of the town of Weston that lies easterly of a line commencing at the intersection of the south line of the town of Redding and the east line of the Mile of Commons, so called, thence following the said east line of Commons southerly until it strikes the Aspetuck river, thence following the center of said river southwesterly, until it strikes the north line of the town of Fairfield, with all the inhabitants belonging and residing within said limits, be and remain a distinct and separate town, by the name of Eason. And the inhabitants aforesaid and their successors forever, residing and belonging within said limits, shall have, retain and enjoy all powers, privileges and immunities of other towns in this state, with the right of sending one representative only to the general assembly of this state. All the rest

and residue of said town of Weston shall continue and remain a town by the name of Weston, with all the powers, privileges and immunities now enjoyed by the town of Weston, except that said town is to have the right of sending one representative to the general assembly only.

Provided, nevertheless, that this grant shall be void and of no effect, unless the inhabitants of the town of Weston (not including those within said new town of Easton) shall, at a meeting to be legally warned and held at the academy near the Congregational meeting house in said Weston, on or before the fourth Monday of June, A. D. 1845, pass a vote relinquishing all claim to two representatives, and consenting forever hereafter to have but one representative to the general assembly of this state, and cause a copy of such vote, duly certified by their town clerk, to be lodged in the office of the secretary of this state, to be by him recorded and kept on file as evidence of such relinquishment and consent; which meeting shall be warned in the manner herein after provided for the warning of the first meeting of the town of Weston. And said new town shall pay its proportion, according to the list of 1844, of all debts, charges and expenses, suits, petitions and claims already due and accrued, commenced or existing against said town of Weston, or for which said town may hereafter be made liable by force of any claim now existing. And the poor of said town of Weston who were born within the limits hereby incorporated and have not gained a settlement elsewhere in this state than in said town of Weston, or who have gained a settlement in said town of Weston by residence or otherwise within said limits, shall be deemed inhabitants of said town of Easton, and shall be maintained accordingly, whether said poor are now maintained by said Weston or not. And said town of Easton shall be liable to maintain all such poor of said Weston as are or may be absent therefrom; provided such persons at the time of departure belonged to that part of the town of Weston incorporated into the town of Easton. The collectors of state and town taxes in the town of Weston are hereby authorized to collect their respective taxes already laid and their respective rate books not yet perfected may be made out by the same persons and in the same manner as though this resolve had not been passed.

The said new town of Easton shall belong to and constitute a part of the probate district of Weston; and shall also belong to and constitute a part of the tenth senatorial district. The said new town of Easton shall be entitled to six jurors, and the said town of Weston shall be entitled to four jurors.

The first town meeting of said new town of Easton shall be holden at Staples' academy, in said town, on the first Monday of August, A. D. 1845, and Walker Sherwood (or in case of his failure, Eli Adams) shall be moderator thereof, and shall warn said meeting by setting up a notification of the same on the public sign-posts of said new town, and such other places as either of said persons may deem proper, at least six days before said first meeting. Said town shall have all the powers at said first meeting incident to other towns in this state, and full right to act accordingly; and the officers elected at said first meeting shall hold their offices until others are chosen and sworn in their stead.

The first meeting of the town of Weston (after the passage of this resolve) shall be held at the academy near the congregational meeting house, in said town, on the fourth Monday of June, A. D. 1845, and David Patchen (or in case of his failure, Oliver C. Sanford) shall be moderator thereof, and shall warn said meeting by setting up a notification of the same on the public sign-posts in said town, and such other places as either of said persons may deem proper, at least six days before said first meeting. And said town shall have full right at said meeting to elect officers of said town, who shall hold their offices until others are chosen and sworn in their stead.

Be it further Resolved, That the town deposit fund of the said town of Weston shall belong to and be divided between said towns in proportion to the number of their respective inhabitants. Always provided, that if, after the organization of said town of Easton the selectmen of the aforesaid towns do not agree in the division of the paupers or funds and property belonging to said towns on or before the 15th day of March, A. D. 1846, the selectmen of either town may apply to Alva Gray, of Westport, George Peck, of Fairfield and Levi Edwards, of Monroe, who, or either two of them, are hereby authorized and empowered

to divide said paupers and funds and property in manner and form aforesaid; which division shall be final and conclusive; first notifying the selectmen aforesaid of the time and place when the same shall be made.

SA-4. Act of July 22, 1875, Setting off Weston to Probate District of Westport.

AN ACT TO SET OFF WESTON TO THE PROBATE DISTRICT OF WESTPORT

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Sec. 1. That the town of Weston shall hereafter belong to and constitute a part of the probate district of Westport.

Sec. 2. The Town of Easton shall be one probate district by the name of district of Easton. The probate records of the district of Weston shall remain in the district of Easton, and all business begun and now depending in the district of Weston shall be continued and finished in the district of Easton.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. Approved, July 22, 1875.

SA-5. Resolve of March 9, 1877, Establishing Boundary between Weston and Wilton.

ESTABLISHING AND CONFIRMING THE BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN THE TOWNS OF WESTON AND WILTON

Whereas, upon the petition of the selectmen of the towns of Weston and Wilton, in Fairfield County, it has been made to appear to this general assembly that, by the act or resolution of the general assembly incorporating the town of Wilton, passed in 1802, it was provided that the easterly boundary of said town shall commence at the southeasterly corner of the society of Wilton, and run thence north (twenty-two degrees thirty minutes west) six miles twenty-nine chains to the northeast monument dividing the towns of Reading, Ridgefield, and Norwalk; that said southeasterly and northeasterly corner bounds are well settled and duly marked, and no dispute has ever existed in regard to them; that a line run from said southeast bound in the direction and to the distance mentioned in said act leads to a point far distant and to the eastward of said northeast monument, and would include in the town of Wilton a large territory which has always been treated and recognized as embraced within the towns of Weston and Reading, and would not touch the town of Ridgefield; that, on the other hand, if a straight line were drawn between said southeasterly and northeasterly corner bounds, it would make the town of Reading and Weston respectively to embrace tracts of land over which they have never exercised nor claimed jurisdiction; that there is a permanent rock situated in a stream or millpond at the village of Georgetown so-called, between the supposed lines before mentioned, which rock is marked with lines crossing each other and with the letters

N. F. R., which has been, from time beyond the memory of men now living, reputed to be the bound where the dividing line between the ancient towns of Fairfield and Reading intersected the boundary line of the ancient town of Norwalk, and, since the incorporation of the towns of Weston and Wilton, to be also the place of intersection of the boundary-lines of the town of Reading, Weston, and Wilton, and that a line running from said southeast bound of Wilton to the intersection of said cross-lines on said rock has, from time immemorial been generally reputed to be and has been generally recognized as the boundary line between said towns of Weston and Wilton; that said petitioners have caused said last-mentioned line to be surveyed as a straight line between said southeast bound and said rock, and have agreed on the same as a proper and true boundary line between said towns, but that doubts have been suggested whether the same is the lawful boundary, and embarassments arise from time to time, growing out of the same: therefore,

Resolved by this Assembly:

Sec. 1. That the boundary line between the towns of Weston and Wilton, in Fairfield County, is hereby

declared to be, and is fixed, confirmed, and established as follows: viz: beginning at the southeasterly corner of the town of Wilton, at present marked by a heap of stones on a ledge on the westerly side of an old highway, and thence running northerly in a straight line to the point of intersection of said cross-lines upon said rock situated in the stream or millpond at the village of Georgetown, socalled, which rock is marked with the letters N.F.R. And the selectmen of said towns of Weston and Wilton shall cause suitable monuments to be erected and maintained on said line, at the joint expense of said towns and as required by law.

Sec. 2. This resolution shall not be so construed as to affect any pending suit, nor the title to any lands, nor any boundary line between adjoining proprietors of lands.

Approved, March 9, 1877.

SA-6. Act No. 151 of 1921, Use of Income from Staples Guardian Fund by Town.

Act No. 151, approved April 20, 1921, as amended by Act No. 160, approved June 6, 1967.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF INCOME RECEIVED FROM THE STAPLES GUARDIAN FUND BY THE TOWN OF WESTON TO PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WESTON STUDENTS ON THE BASIS OF NEED.

Sec. 1. Number 151 of the special acts of 1921 is amended to read as follows: The guardians in trust of the poor appointed by the towns of Easton and Weston under the provisions of the will of Samuel Staples, late of Fairfield, deceased, which will is dated January 7, 1787, and is recorded in Fairfield probate records, are authorized to sell and convey all of the real estate held by said guardians in trust under such terms and conditions as such guardians shall find most expedient and to invest the proceeds thereof in accordance with the laws relating to the investment of trust funds and to pay the income thereof to the towns of Easton and Weston in such proportions respectively as the number of enumerated pupils in each town bears to the total number of enumerated pupils in both towns. Said guardians in trust and their successors in office shall give bonds to said town, subject to the approval of the first selectmen of said towns in such form, with sureties thereon, and in such sum not less than the amount of said fund, which bonds shall be conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of such guardians.

Sec. 2. The town of Weston shall pay over the income received from the Staples Guardian Fund to a scholarship committee, the members of which shall be appointed by the Weston Guardians of The Staples Guardian Fund and approved by the Weston board of selectmen. Said committee shall be called the Staples Scholarship Committee of Weston and shall administer the income received to provide college scholarships for Weston residents on the basis of financial need. The members of said committee shall give bonds to the town of Weston, subject to the approval of the first selectman of Weston as to form and the sureties thereon, in a sum not less than the amount of the average annual income apportioned to the town of Weston, and conditioned for the faithful discharge of the duties of such committee members.

Approved June 6, 1967.

SA-7. Act No. 84, March 29, 1933, Incorporating the Georgetown Fire District.

SPECIAL ACT NO. 84

AN ACT INCORPORATING THE GEORGETOWN FIRE DISTRICT

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Sec. 1. All of the electors of this state, inhabitants of the towns of Wilton, Redding and Weston, dwelling

within the following-described limits of said towns: Commencing at a point where the Weston-Redding town line meets the westerly side of the Saugatuck river, thence following the westerly side of said river in a northerly direction to the school district boundary line separating Diamond Hill and Little Boston school districts near Burr's corner, thence following said line separating said school districts in a westerly direction to the Florida school district line, thence southerly following said Florida school district line to the Ridgefield town line, thence continuing southerly following said Ridgefield town line (being the Ridgefield-Redding town line) to the Wilton town line, thence westerly following the Wilton town line (being the Wilton-Ridgefield town line), to the westerly line of Wilton school district No. 10, thence southerly and easterly following said school district line to the Weston-Wilton town line, thence easterly to a point on the Georgetown-Weston state road where said road crosses Samuelson's brook, so called, at the center line of said brook, thence continuing easterly following said center line of said brook to a tributary brook flowing from the north into said Samuelson's brook, thence northerly following the center line of said tributary brook and continuing northerly in a straight line to the Weston-Redding town line, and thence easterly following said town line to the point of beginning, are constituted a body politic by the name of The Georgetown Fire District, and shall be an entity in law capable of suing and being sued in all courts, and of purchasing, holding and conveying any estate, real and personal, and may have a common seal and alter or change the same.

Sec. 2. Said corporation is authorized to provide for the extinguishment of fires and to lease, accept, take over or purchase land within its limits and to erect or cause to be erected upon such land a building or buildings for the housing of all fire apparatus owned by it or by any fire department located therein, and for the accommodation of members of such fire department, which building or buildings may also be used for district meetings; and said corporation may also accept, take over or purchase any apparatus deemed necessary or advisable by it for use in the extinguishing of fires in said district.

Sec. 3. Said corporation is authorized to hold meetings at any point within said district for the performance of the purposes of said corporation and to fix the compensation of such officers and other agents of the corporation as may be needed for the performance of the work incidental to the carrying on of the objects herein authorized.

Sec. 4. The officers of said district and their powers and duties, except as herein provided, shall bear the same relation to the purposes for which said district is incorporated as officers of school districts and their powers and duties bear to the school district affairs and, except as otherwise provided, the laws relating to school districts, mutatis mutandis, shall apply to said The Georgetown Fire District.

Sec. 5. The first meeting of said The Georgetown Fire District shall be held on June 12, 1933, at seven o'clock p.m., eastern standard time. Benjamin B. Banks, Arthur A. Smith and David T. Wahlquist shall be a committee to call said first meeting of said district by posting a Notice, designating the time and the place of holding the same, on the signpost in each of said towns of Wilton, Redding and Weston five days before the time designated in said Notice for the holding of said meeting, and one of said committee shall preside at said meeting until a presiding officer shall be chosen. Said meeting shall proceed to organize and elect officers who shall serve until the next annual meeting of said fire district and until others shall be elected and shall have qualified in their stead. At any meeting of the district, a majority of the electors present shall be sufficient to transact business.

Sec. 6. The annual meeting of said district shall be held on the second Tuesday of June, in each year, at seven o'clock p.m., eastern standard time.

Approved March 29, 1933.

SA-8. Act No. 149, April 10, 1933, Removal of portion of Town from District No. 10.

SPECIAL ACT NO. 149 of 1933

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REMOVAL OF A PORTION OF THE TOWN OF WESTON FROM "DISTRICT NO. 10 OF THE TOWN OF WILTON"

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Sec. 1. Number 173 of the special acts of 1911 is amended by removing from "District No. 10 of the Town of Wilton", incorporated by said act, that portion of the town of Weston included in said district; and the town of Weston is relieved from any obligation for any portion of the expense of maintenance of the public school in said district.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1933.

Approved April 10, 1933.

SA-9. Act No. 567, June 24, 1939, Abolition of Forge School District.

SPECIAL ACT NO. 567 of 1939

AN ACT ABOLISHING THE FORGE SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF WESTON.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

The Forge school district in the town of Weston is abolished, and the assets of said district are transferred to the town of Weston. The town of Weston is authorized to receive, and the county commissioners of the county of Fairfield are authorized to pay to the town of Weston, all moneys held by said county commissioners or by any other subdivision of the state for and on behalf of said Forge school district. All moneys and assets so received by the town of Weston shall become a part of the general funds of said town.

Approved June 24, 1939.

SA-10. Act No. 620, August 11, 1955, Regulating Hawkers and Peddlers.¹

SPECIAL ACT NO. 620 of 1955

AN ACT REGULATING HAWKERS AND PEDDLERS IN THE TOWN OF WESTON

Sec. 1. The term "hawker" or "peddler" as used in this act, shall mean any person, whether principal or agent, who goes from town to town or from place to place in the same town selling or bartering services or selling or bartering, or carrying for sale or barter, or exposing therefor, any goods, wares or merchandise, either on foot or from any animal or vehicle.

Sec. 2. No person shall engage in the business of a peddler or hawker in the town of Weston without having first obtained a license to do so from the board of selectmen or the first selectman of said town. Every applicant for such a license shall complete and sign, under oath, an application form showing information to identify such applicant properly and the nature of the business covered by the license granted pursuant to such application, including the following information: The name, residence, mailing address, age and citizenship of the applicant; the company or companies represented by the applicant, a description of the services, goods, wares or merchandise to be sold by the applicant within the town of Weston pursuant to

1. Editor's Note: See Ch. 140, Peddling and Soliciting.

such license and the company or companies rendering, manufacturing and distributing the same; the state of registration and the marker number of any vehicle to be used by the applicant in carrying on the business permitted by said license; the state issuing and the number assigned to any operator's license used by such applicant in the operation of this vehicle in such manner; and a full description of any crime of which the applicant may have been convicted, showing the date of the conviction, the court in which the same took place, the terms of any sentence passed on such conviction and whether the applicant is now on probation. After such application has been completed and signed as aforesaid and upon the payment of a license fee of five dollars, the board of selectmen or the first selectman, as the case may be, shall issue to the applicant a license permitting him to engage in the business of a peddler or hawker, as defined herein within the town of Weston, subject to the provisions of this act, which license shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance.

Sec. 3. Every person engaged in the business of a peddler or hawker shall display such license conspicuously upon his person.

Sec. 4. No person engaged in the business of a peddler or hawker shall enter the private premises of any person in the town of Weston where a posted sign forbids soliciting or peddling or contains a direction to that effect.

Sec. 5. Any person who violates any provision of this act shall be fined not more than fifty dollars for each such violation.

Sec. 6. This act shall not apply to sales by farmers and gardeners of the produce of their farms and gardens, or to the sale, distribution and delivery of milk, teas, coffees, spices, groceries, meats and bakery goods, to sales on approval or to conditional sales of merchandise, or to the solicitation or sales by any charitable or other nonprofit organization.

Sec. 7. This act shall become effective fifteen days after the publication thereof in a newspaper having a circulation in the town of Weston.

Approved Aug. 11, 1955

SA-11. Appendix A, Public Act No. 75-387, Inland Wetlands Regulations.²

APPENDIX A

Public Act No. 75-387

An act Concerning Amendments to the Inland Wetlands Act

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Sec. 1. Section 22A-42a of the General Statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

- (a) The inland wetlands agencies authorized in section 22a-42, shall through regulation provide for the manner in which the boundaries of inland wetland areas in their respective municipalities shall be established and amended or changed.
- (b) No regulations of the inland wetlands agency including boundaries of inland wetland areas shall become effective or be established until after a public hearing in relation thereto is held by the inland wetlands agency, at which parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard. Notice

2. Editor's Note: See Ch. 215, Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations.

of the time and place of such hearing shall be published in the form of a legal advertisement, appearing in a newspaper having a substantial circulation in the municipality at least twice at intervals of not less than two days, the first not more than twenty-five days nor less than fifteen days, and the last not less than two-days, before such hearing, and a copy of such proposed regulation or boundary shall be filed in the office of the Town, city or borough Clerk as the case may be, in such municipality, for public inspection at least ten days before such hearing, and may be published in full in such paper. Such regulations and inland wetland boundaries may be from time to time, amended, changed or repealed, by majority vote of the inland wetlands agency, after a public hearing, in relation thereto, is held by the inland wetlands agency, at which parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard and for which Notice shall be published in the manner specified in this subsection. Regulations or boundaries or changes therein shall become effective at such time as is fixed by the inland wetlands agency, provided a copy of such regulation, boundary or change shall be filed in the office of the town, city or borough Clerk, as the case may be. Whenever an inland wetland agency makes a change in regulations or boundaries it shall state upon its records the reason why the change was made. All petitions submitted in writing and in a form prescribed by the inland wetland agency, requesting a change in the regulations or the boundaries of inland wetland area shall be considered at a public hearing in the manner provided for establishment of inland wetlands regulations and boundaries within ninety days after receipt of such petition. The inland wetland agency shall act upon the changes requested in such petition within sixty days after the hearing. The petitioner may consent to extension of the periods provided for in hearing and for adoption or denial or may withdraw such petition. The inland wetlands agency may require a filing fee to be deposited with the agency to defray the cost of publication of the Notice required for a hearing.

Effective March 16, 1977.

SA-12. Act No. 77-40, May 31, 1977, Submission of Budget to Electors.

SPECIAL ACT NO. 77-40

AN ACT CONCERNING SUBMISSION OF THE TOWN BUDGET IN WESTON TO THE ELECTORS IN REFERENDUM.

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 7-7 of the General Statutes with respect to the petition process for referendum on any item on the call of any town meeting, the town of Weston may submit the town budget to the electors in Weston for their approval in a referendum in accordance with the procedure for such submission and approval in referendum as provided in the charter of the town of Weston as amended November 2, 1976.

Approved May 31, 1977

SA-13. Act No. 79-27, Payment of Fire District Expenses.

Special Act No. 79-27

AN ACT ALLOWING THE TOWN OF WESTON TO PAY EXPENSES OF THE GEORGETOWN FIRE DISTRICT ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE WESTON SECTION OF THE DISTRICT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

Section 1. The town of Weston may appropriate funds for and contract with the Georgetown fire district for fire protection services within the Weston section of the Georgetown fire district. If the town of Weston

enters into such a contract with the Georgetown fire district for any fiscal year, then the town of Weston may pay any fire district tax bills rendered by the Georgetown fire district for such fiscal year on property taxable within the Weston section of the Georgetown fire district. Any appropriation for payment of such fire district tax bills, or contract with the Georgetown fire district, and any payment of such fire district tax bills must be approved by the legislative body of the town of Weston.

Section 2. The town of Weston shall have the power, to the same extent as any of its taxpayers within the Georgetown fire district, to challenge the validity of any, some or all of the tax bills rendered by the Georgetown fire district for property in the Weston section of said district based on improper assessment procedures, failure to equalize assessments within the district, or failure to properly levy the taxes, or any other basis on which the assessment and levy of the taxes does not conform to the correct procedure for a municipal corporation to assess and levy property taxes.