



**PROPOSED REVISION TO THE
CANTON TOWN CHARTER**

NOVEMBER 5, 2019 BALLOT QUESTION:

"Shall the Charter of the Town of Canton be revised as proposed by the Canton Charter Revision Commission and as approved by the Canton Board of Selectmen?"

On March 28, 2018, the Board of Selectmen established a temporary Charter Revision Commission to perform a review of the existing Town Charter, as required every 10 years under Section 11.01 of the Town Charter. The existing Town Charter was adopted in 2009 to be effective January 1, 2010, and was last amended in 2011.

Since May 2018, the Commission met regularly to review the existing Charter. The Commission held two public hearings, and solicited comments from the public and Town representatives. The Commission identified a series of recommended changes, and on July 24, 2019, the Board of Selectmen voted in favor of referring the proposed changes to referendum.

The highlights of the recommended changes include:

1. Consolidate and re-organize the Annual Budget process into a single Section of the Charter.
2. Add a public hearing to the Annual Budget process to allow the public an opportunity to review and comment upon the Board of Finance's recommended Annual Budget.
3. Change the method of voting on the Annual Budget from the Annual Budget Meeting to a public referendum.
4. Revise the petitioning process for Special Town Meetings.
5. Update "Publication of Notice" requirements.

For more information and details regarding these changes please visit www.townofcantonct.org/charterrevision