

TOWN OF ROCKLAND

ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS

ROCKLAND TOWN CHARTER

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PREAMBLE

It is the intention of the people of the Town of Rockland, pursuant to Article LXXXIX of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to reaffirm the customary and traditional liberties of people with respect to the conduct of the affairs of the Town of Rockland in local matters, subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and in connection therewith and in furtherance thereof, this Charter is adopted so that the affairs of the Town of Rockland may be carried out in a democratic and efficient manner and that the duties and responsibilities of the officials of the Town of Rockland may be clearly established and responsive to the will of the people of Rockland.

It is the purpose of this Charter, which may from time to time be amended, to provide an organizational framework within which the Town can govern itself as well as to provide broad guidelines for the principal administrative functions of the Town as herein set forth.

The specific instructions and duties of the officials of the Town are briefly described so that the townspeople may be fully aware of the authority vested in their officers.

ARTICLE I

Powers of the Town of Rockland

Section 1.01

The Town of Rockland shall have all of the corporate powers of a body politic possible for a town to have under the constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as fully and completely as though they were specifically enumerated in this Charter and all of the powers of the Town under this Charter shall be construed liberally in favor of the town and no enumeration or omission contained herein shall in any way be construed as limiting the general powers stated in this article.

ARTICLE II

TOWN OFFICERS

SECTION 2.01

- A. The Town of Rockland shall be governed by elected Town officials and their appointees of such titles, numbers, and terms of office as are hereinafter set forth in the Charter and/or the Town By-laws.
- B. On multi-member boards filled by election, one-third (1/3) of the members (or as nearly as possible) shall be elected annually, unless otherwise specifically provided in this Charter or by the General Laws of the Commonwealth.
- C. All town elections shall be conducted only in such manner, time, and place as set forth in this Charter.
- D. Elected and appointed town officials must be registered voters in the Town of Rockland, except as may be otherwise provided by this Charter or the Town By-laws.
- E. No elected official shall hold any other elected office in the Town during the term to which he was elected to office, unless otherwise provided by this Charter.
- F. All elected officials shall, upon taking office, make an oath or affirmation that they will abide by the provisions of Chapter 39, Section 23D of the General Laws of the Commonwealth (the "Open Meeting Law"), and shall be given a copy thereof.
- G. Each elected and appointed town board, commission, and committee shall adopt written Rules of Procedure governing the conduct of its meetings, hearings, and general business; which rules shall not be inconsistent with the terms and provisions of this Charter, the Town By-laws, or the General Laws of the Commonwealth. Each board, commission, or committee, after adopting its Rules of Procedure, shall cause a copy of said Rules to be placed on file with the Town Clerk.
- H. Each elected and appointed town board, commission, and committee shall keep a journal of its proceedings, which journal shall be a public record.
- I. Each elected and appointed town board, commission and committee whose business it is to adopt, from time to time, rules and regulations governing the issuance of licenses, permits, special permits, variances, orders of conditions, and other similar types of actions, shall, at least seven (7) days prior to the adoption of said rules and regulations, post them in their proposed form in a public place in the Town Offices and file a copy of them with the Town Clerk.

J. Each elected and appointed town board, commission and committee shall meet not less often than once a month (unless otherwise provided for by the General Laws of the Commonwealth) at such times and places as may be specified by the presiding officer. A board, commission or committee may, however, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its members, elect not to meet at all for a period of time not to exceed eight (8) consecutive weeks. Emergency meetings may, when necessary, be called by the presiding officer of a board, commission or committee subject to the provisions of the "Open Meeting Law."

K. All elected and appointed officials of the Town shall have the powers and duties of their offices as hereinafter set forth, and in addition shall have all of the powers and duties conferred upon them by the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

SECTION 2.02

A. There shall be a Board of Selectmen consisting of five (5) members, each elected for a three (3) year term, who shall choose a chairman and shall act by majority vote, except as may be required by this Charter or the General Laws of the Commonwealth. The Selectmen shall be responsible for the general direction and management of the property and affairs of the Town, except as otherwise provided for by this Charter or by the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

B. As agents for the Town, the Selectmen shall have authority to prosecute, defend, settle or compromise any and all claims by or against the Town. However, the Selectmen acting upon advice of counsel, shall not have the authority to settle or compromise any actions or claims against the Town if said settlement or compromise exceeds the funds appropriated for that purpose by vote of a duly called Town Meeting.

C. The Selectmen may investigate the operation of any town department, in accordance with the procedures set forth in the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

D. The Selectmen shall cause the Annual Town Report to be printed and distributed before the Annual Town Meeting, and shall cause a copy of said report to be left at each occupied dwelling house or other residential unit in the Town at least seven (7) days before the date of holding such meeting.

E. The Selectmen shall prepare the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting, which warrant shall be closed forty (40) days before the date of said meeting. By direction of the Selectmen, a copy of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting shall be left at each dwelling house or other residential unit in the Town at least seven (7) days before the holding of said meeting. The Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting shall also be posted in the Town Hall, and its availability at Town Hall shall be announced in a newspaper of general circulation within the town at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting.

The Selectmen shall have the power to order such Special Town Meetings as they may deem necessary, and shall prepare the Warrants for said meetings; provided, however, that to order a Special Town Meeting the Selectmen must first adopt, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of their board, a written resolution stating clearly the emergency nature of the situation prompting their order. No Warrant for a Special Town Meeting shall close until at least seven (7) days have passed from the date of adoption of their resolution; and each article inserted in the Warrant shall have attached to it a brief statement explaining the emergency nature of the article.

By direction of the Selectmen, a copy of the Warrant for each Special Town Meeting shall be left at each dwelling house or other residential unit in the Town at least fourteen (14) days before the holding of said meeting. The Warrant for each Special Town Meeting shall also be posted in the Town Hall, and its availability at Town Hall shall be announced in a newspaper of general circulation within the town at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting.

Upon a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board, the Selectmen shall have the power to open any Warrant after it has closed for the purpose of inserting additional articles, provided that such articles are of an emergency nature and have attached to them a brief statement explaining said emergency.

F. The Selectmen may issue permits and/or licenses subject to the requirements of the General Laws of the Commonwealth. However, their power to issue such permits and/or licenses shall not operate to limit the authority or affect the decision of any other town board, commission, or official who may be required to act in the same matter by the provisions of this Charter, any Town By-law, or the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

G. The Selectmen shall annually, unless otherwise required, appoint the following town officials, whose powers shall be set forth in the Town By-laws:

- a. A Town Accountant for a term of three (3) years
- b. A Town Counsel
- c. A Building Inspector and Zoning Enforcement Officer for a term of three (3) years
- d. A Civil Defense Director
- e. A Director of Veterans Affairs, who shall also be Veterans Burial Agent, for a term of three (3) years
- f. A Forest Fire Warden
- g. A Full Member of the Board of Appeals, for a five (5) year term
- h. An Associate Member of the Board of Appeals, for a three (3) year term
- i. Three (3) members of the Airport Committee
- j. A Dog Officer, who shall also be the Animal Inspector, for a term of three (3) years
- k. Three (3) members of the Charter Maintenance Committee
- l. Election Officers, pursuant to the provisions and requirements of the General Laws of the Commonwealth
- m. Two (2) Gas Inspectors
- n. A Parking Clerk
- o. An Inspector of Weights and Measures
- p. An Insect Control Superintendent
- q. Two (2) Inspectors of Wires
- r. A Director of the Council on Aging for a term of three (3) years
- s. An Assistant Zoning Enforcement Officer
- t. A Tree Warden.

H. The Selectmen shall make the following appointments annually to town boards, commissions, and committees, in such a manner that one-third (1/3), as nearly as possible, of the members of each board, commission, or committee shall be appointed each year. The boards, commissions, and committees listed below shall have such powers and duties as are set forth in the Town By-laws.

- a. One (1) member of the Board of Registrars of Voters, for a three (3) year term
- b. Two (2) or three (3) members of the Conservation Commission, for three (3) year terms
- c. Two (2) or three (3) members of the Industrial Development Commission, for three (3) year terms
- d. One (1) or two (2) members of the Industrial Development Financing Authority, for a three (3) year term
- e. Three (3) or four (4) members of the Council on Aging, for three (3) year terms
- f. Two (2) or three (3) members of the Historical Commission, for three (3) year terms
- g. One (1) or two (2) members of the Youth Commission, for a three (3) year term

I. a. The Selectmen shall, from time to time, appoint a Chief of Police, whose powers and duties shall be as set forth in the Town By-laws. Upon making said appointment the Selectmen shall execute with him a contract of employment for a term not to exceed five (5) years.

b. The Selectmen shall, from time to time, appoint a Fire Chief, whose powers and duties shall be as set forth in the Town By-laws. The Fire Chief shall continue to hold office unless removed by the Selectmen for good cause after a public hearing, as detailed in Section 2.02(N).

K. The Selectmen shall appoint such other town officials, boards, and committees as may be required by the provisions of this Charter, any Town By-law, a vote of Town Meeting, or the General Laws of the Commonwealth. In addition, the Selectmen may appoint temporary or "ad hoc" committees to deal with special emergency situations; but the duration of any such committee shall not extend past the next Annual Town Meeting unless extended by vote of that Town Meeting.

L. The terms of office of town officials appointed annually, and of members of boards, commissions, and committees whose terms are expiring, shall end on the first day of May; except that all persons whose terms are expiring may serve until their successors are appointed and sworn in. The Selectmen shall make their annual appointments within thirty (30) days following the annual town election.

M. A vacancy in any appointive office, due to death, disability, resignation, or removal of the person holding the office, shall be filled by the Selectmen without unreasonable delay. The Selectmen shall make no appointment to fill a vacancy, however, until they have publicly announced the availability of the position at least two (2) weeks prior to making the appointment. Any appointment made to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired term of office.

N. In all cases where a procedure for removal from office is not specified in the General Laws of the Commonwealth, no person appointed to office by the Selectmen shall be removed from that office except for good cause, and after a public hearing. Said hearing shall take place not sooner than one (1) week after the person whose removal from office is sought has received written notice of the hearing and written particulars of the charges preferred against him. At the hearing that person shall be entitled to counsel, may introduce evidence and call witnesses on his behalf, and may cross-examine witnesses called against him. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Selectmen shall deliberate and vote upon the charges; the vote shall be by poll of the Board. No vote to remove from office shall be effective unless two-thirds (2/3) of the Selectmen present and voting shall have voted in the affirmative.

SECTION 2.03

A. There shall be a Town Clerk, elected, whose term of office shall be three (3) years.

B. The Town Clerk shall have all of the powers and duties conferred upon the offices by this Charter, the Town By-laws, votes of Town Meetings, and the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

C. The Town Clerk shall appoint an Assistant Town Clerk, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Clerk. In the absence or incapacity of the Town Clerk, the Assistant Town Clerk shall exercise all of the powers and duties of that office.

SECTION 2.04

A. There shall be a Town Treasurer, elected, whose term of office shall be three (3) years.

B. The Town Treasurer shall have all of the powers and duties conferred upon the office by this Charter, the Town By-laws, votes of Town Meetings, and the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

C. The Town Treasurer shall appoint an Assistant Town Treasurer, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Town Treasurer. In the absence or incapacity of the Town Treasurer, the Assistant Town Treasurer shall exercise all of the powers and duties of that office.

SECTION 2.05

A. There shall be a Tax Collector, elected, whose term of office shall be three (3) years.

B. The Tax Collector shall have all of the powers and duties conferred upon the office by this Charter, the Town By-laws, votes of Town Meetings, and the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

SECTION 2.06

A. There shall be a Board of Assessors consisting of three (3) members, each elected for a three (3) year term, who shall choose a chairman and shall act by majority vote.

B. The Board of Assessors shall have all of the powers and duties conferred upon it by this Charter, the Town By-laws, votes of Town Meetings, and the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

C. The Board of Assessors shall appoint an Appraiser and an Assistant Assessor, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. The duties of the Appraiser and the Assistant Assessor shall be such as may be legally conferred upon them by the Board.

SECTION 2.07

A. There shall be a Board of Health consisting of three (3) members, each elected for a three (3) year term, who shall choose a chairman and shall act by majority vote.

B. The Board of Health shall have all of the powers and duties conferred upon it by this Charter, the Town By-laws, votes of Town Meetings, and the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

C. The Board of Health shall appoint a Health Agent, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. The duties of the Health Agent shall be such as may be legally conferred upon him by the Board, as well as those that are conferred upon him by the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

D. In the event of public health emergency, as declared by a majority of the members of the Board of Health, the provisions of Section 2.01(I) shall not be deemed to apply.

SECTION 2.08

A. There shall be a Board of Water Commissioners consisting of three (3) members, each elected for a three (3) year term, who shall choose a chairman and shall act by majority vote.

B. The Board of Water Commissioners shall have all of the powers and duties conferred upon it by this Charter, the Town By-laws, the votes of Town Meetings, and the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

C. In the event of a water emergency, as declared by a majority of the members of the Board of Water Commissioners, the provisions of Section 2.01 (I) shall not be deemed to apply.

SECTION 2.09

A. There shall be a Board of Sewer Commissioners, consisting of three (3) members, each elected for a three (3) year term, who shall choose a chairman and shall act by majority vote.

B. The Board of Sewer Commissioners shall have all of the powers and duties conferred upon it by this Charter, the Town By-laws, votes of Town Meetings, and the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

SECTION 2.10

A. There shall be a Board of Library Trustees consisting of six (6) members, each elected for a three (3) year term, who shall choose a chairman and shall act by a majority vote.

B. The Board of Library Trustees shall have all of the powers and duties conferred upon it by this Charter, the Town By-laws, votes of Town Meetings, and the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

SECTION 2.11

A. There shall be a School Committee consisting of five (5) members, each elected for a three (3) year term, who shall choose a chairman and shall act by majority vote, except as may be otherwise required by the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

B. The School Committee shall have general charge of all the public schools, including the evening schools and evening high schools, and of vocational schools when not otherwise provided for, and shall be responsible for the full administration of these schools.

C. The School Committee shall be responsible for the supervision of such private schools or academies as may be established within the Town

D. The School Committee shall have all of the powers conferred upon it by this Charter, the Town By-laws, votes of Town Meetings, and the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

SECTION 2.12

A. There shall be a Planning Board consisting of five (5) members, each elected for a five (5) year term, who shall choose a chairman and a clerk and shall act by majority vote, except as may be otherwise required by the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

B. The Planning Board shall have all of the powers and duties conferred upon it by this Charter, the Town By-laws, votes of Town Meetings, and the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

SECTION 2.13

A. There shall be a Town Moderator, elected, whose term of office shall be three (3) years.

B. The Town Moderator shall preside over and regulate all of the proceedings of the Town at Town Meetings, as hereinafter set forth in Article III of this Charter; and pursuant thereto, shall decide all questions of order and make public declaration of all votes. He shall otherwise have all of the powers and duties conferred upon him by this Charter, the Town By-laws, votes of Town Meetings, and the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

C. The Town Moderator shall appoint the members of the Finance Committee, as hereinafter set forth in Article VI, Section 6.04 (A) of this Charter.

SECTION 2.14

A. There shall be a Rockland Housing Authority consisting of five (5) members, four (4) of whom shall be elected for a term of five (5) years in such manner that the term of one (1) member will expire each year, and one member who shall be appointed by the State Housing Board. The Rockland Housing Authority shall choose a chairman and a vice chairman, and shall act by majority vote.

B. The Rockland Housing Authority shall have all of the powers and duties conferred upon it by this Charter, the Town By-laws, votes of Town Meetings, and the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

SECTION 2.15

A. There shall be a Board of Park Commissioners consisting of three (3) members, each elected for a three (3) year term, who shall choose a chairman and shall act by majority vote.

B. The Board of Park Commissioners shall have all of the powers and duties conferred upon it by this Charter, the Town By-laws, votes of Town Meetings, and the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

SECTION 2.16

A. There shall be a Highway Superintendent, elected, whose term of office shall be three (3) years.

B. The Highway Superintendent shall have the responsibility for and control of the ordinary repair of public ways in the Town, and shall have all of the powers and duties of a highway surveyor under the General Laws of the Commonwealth. He shall, in addition, have all of the powers and duties conferred upon him by this Charter, the Town By-laws, votes of Town Meetings, and the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

ARTICLE III

TOWN MEETING

SECTION 3.01

The legislative powers of the Town shall be vested in the qualified voters of the Town convened together in Annual or Special Town Meeting.

SECTION 3.02

The Annual Town Meeting (except for Article I, the Annual Town Election) shall be held on a date that will allow completion of all business not later than June thirtieth of that same year. The date shall be determined by the Board of Selectmen and designated by the Board not later than January thirty-first of each year. Seven (7) days notice shall be given prior to the actual meeting date by distribution of the Warrant for said Town meeting by said Board of Selectmen in accordance with the provisions of this Charter.

SECTION 3.03

There shall be Special Town Meetings at such times as the Selectmen may order, upon fourteen (14) days notice by distribution of the Warrant for each Special Town Meeting by the Selectmen in accordance with the provisions of this Charter.

SECTION 3.04

The quorum for the transaction of business at all Town Meetings shall be three hundred (300) registered voters of the Town, and two hundred (200) registered voters at an adjourned session of the same meeting. Any number of registered voters may adjourn or close a meeting.

SECTION 3.05

Town Meeting shall, from time to time, vote on such matters as may be required by law or by the provisions of this Charter. These matters include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (1) Authorization to borrow money on behalf of the Town.
- (2) The appropriation of funds for the operation of the various Town Departments, upon submission of a budget by the Selectmen as set forth in this Charter.
- (3) The conveyance or lease, or authorization of any conveyance or lease, of any real property owned by the Town.

- (4) The levying of taxes, except as otherwise provided in Article VI with respect to the property tax levied by adoption of the budget.
- (5) The amendment or repeal of any vote or action taken by a previous Town Meeting.

SECTION 3.06

All action taken at any Town Meeting shall be only upon those items contained in the Warrant for said Town Meeting, and all articles in the Warrant shall be acted upon in order unless otherwise voted by the Town Meeting. Printed copies of each Town Meeting Warrant, with the recommendations of the Finance Committee contained therein, shall be furnished to the voters of the Town in accordance with the provisions of this Charter.

ARTICLE IV

RECALL ELECTION

SECTION 4.01

Any holder of an elective office in the Town of Rockland, as defined in Article II of the Town charter, may be recalled and removed therefrom by the qualified voters of the Town as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 4.02

Any five hundred (500) qualified voters of the Town may make and file with the Town Clerk an affidavit containing the name and position of the officer sought to be removed and a statement of the grounds of recall. The Town Clerk shall thereupon deliver to the voters making such affidavit sufficient number of copies of petition blanks demanding such recall and removal. The blanks shall be issued by the Town Clerk with his signature and official seal attached thereto. They shall be dated, shall be addressed to the Board of Selectmen, shall contain the names of all persons to whom they are issued, the name of the person whose recall is sought, the grounds of recall as stated in the affidavit, and shall demand the election of a successor to such office. A copy of the petition shall be entered in a record book to be kept in the office of the Town Clerk. The recall petition shall be returned and filed with the Town Clerk within fourteen (14) days after filing the affidavit and shall be signed by at least fifteen (15) percent of the qualified voters of the Town as of the date such affidavit was filed with the Town Clerk. To every signature shall be added the place of residence of the signer, giving the street and number. The recall petition shall be submitted, at or before five (5) o'clock in the afternoon of Monday preceding the day on which it must be filed, to the Registrar of Voters and the registrars shall forthwith certify thereon the number of signatures which are names of qualified voters in the Town of Rockland.

SECTION 4.03

If the petition shall be found and certified by the Town Clerk to be sufficient, he shall submit the same with his certificate to the Board of Selectmen without delay, and said board shall forthwith give written notice to the officer of the receipt of said certificate and shall, if the officer sought to be removed does not resign within five (5) days thereafter, thereupon order a recall election to be held on a day fixed by them not less than sixty (60) nor more than ninety (90) days after the date of the Town Clerk's certificate that a sufficient petition is filed, provided, however, that if any other town election is to occur within one hundred (100) days after the date of said certificate, the selectmen may, in their discretion, postpone the holding of the recall election to the date of such other election. If a vacancy occurs in said office after a recall election has been ordered, the election shall nevertheless proceed as provided in this section.

SECTION 4.04

Any Officer sought to be recalled may be a candidate to succeed in an election to be held to fill such vacancy, and unless he requests otherwise in writing, the Town Clerk shall place his name on the ballot without nomination. The nomination of other candidates, the publication of the Warrant for the recall election and any election to fill a vacancy caused by a recall election, and the conduct of the same, shall all be in accordance with the provisions of the laws relating to elections, unless otherwise provided by this act. A majority of those voting at the recall election shall be sufficient to recall such elected officer.

SECTION 4.05

The incumbent shall continue to perform the duties of his office until the recall election. If then re-elected, he shall continue in the office for the remainder of his unexpired term, subject to recall as before, except as provided in this act. If not re-elected in the recall election, he shall be deemed removed upon the qualification of his successor, who shall hold office during the unexpired term. If the successor fails to qualify within five (5) days after receiving notification of his election, the incumbent shall thereupon be deemed removed and the office vacant.

SECTION 4.06

Ballots used in a recall election shall submit the following propositions in the order indicated:

For the recall of (name of officer)
Against the recall of (name of officer).

Immediately at the right of each proposition there shall be a square in which the voter by making a cross mark (X) may vote for either of such propositions. Under the proposition shall appear the word "Candidates" and the direction "Vote for One" and beneath this the names of candidates nominated as herein before provided. In case of machine voting, or punch card balloting, or other forms of balloting, appropriate provisions shall be made to allow the same intent of the voter.

If a majority of the votes cast on the recall question is in the affirmative, then the candidate that received the highest number of votes in the special election to fill the vacancy shall be elected. If a majority of the votes on the question is in the negative, the ballots for candidates to fill the potential vacancy need not be counted, or any action taken relative thereto.

SECTION 4.07

No recall petition shall be filed against an officer within six (6) months after he takes office, nor in the case of an officer subjected to a recall election and not removed thereby, until at least six (6) months after that election.

SECTION 4.08

No person who has been recalled from office or who has resigned from office while recall proceedings were pending against him, shall be appointed to any town office within two (2) years after such removal by recall or resignation.

SECTION 4.09

This act shall take effect upon its passage.

ARTICLE V

ELECTIONS

SECTION 5.01

The Annual Town Elections, which is Article I of the Annual Town Meeting, shall be held on the second Saturday of April in each year.

SECTION 5.02

All citizens of the Town who are qualified voters under the provisions of the General Laws of the Commonwealth shall be eligible to vote in town elections, and shall be eligible to be nominated for and elected to town office.

SECTION 5.03

All town elections shall be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the General Laws of the Commonwealth. The duly constituted election authorities may adopt such additional regulations for the conduct of town elections as they may deem necessary and desirable, provided said regulations are not inconsistent with the General Laws of the Commonwealth. Any such additional regulations adopted shall be public records, and a copy of them shall be placed on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

ARTICLE VI

FINANCIAL PROCEDURES

SECTION 6.01

The fiscal year of the Town of Rockland shall be in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 56 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

SECTION 6.02

On or before the 31st day of December of each year the Selectmen shall prepare a budget for the ensuing fiscal year and shall submit said budget to the Finance Committee. Said budget shall be inserted in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

SECTION 6.03

The budget shall provide a complete financial plan of all Town funds and activities for the ensuing Fiscal Year; and except as required by law, shall be in such forms as the Selectmen deem desirable. It shall begin with a clear general summary of its contents and shall show in detail all estimated income and proposed expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year. It shall be so arranged as to show comparative figures for actual and estimated income and expenditures of the current fiscal year. It shall indicate in separate sections:

- (1) proposed expenditures for the current operation during the ensuing fiscal year, as detailed by officers, departments and agencies, and the method of financing such expenditures; and
- (2) proposed capital expenditures during the ensuing fiscal year, as detailed by officers, departments and agencies, and the method of financing each such capital expenditure. The total of the proposed expenditures shall not exceed the total of the estimated income.

SECTION 6.04

A. There shall be a Finance Committee consisting of fifteen (15) registered voters of the Town of Rockland who shall be appointed by the Moderator for a term of three (3) years in such a manner that one-third (1/3) of said Finance Committee shall be appointed annually, said appointments being made as soon as practicable after the conclusion of each year's Annual Town Meeting.

B. In the event that any member of the Finance Committee shall resign during his term of office, he shall not be eligible for reappointment to the Finance Committee until the expiration of one (1) year from the date of such resignation.

C. No person shall serve as a member of the Finance Committee who holds any Town position by reason of election or appointment. However, a member or members of the Finance Committee may serve on special committees established by vote of Town Meeting if such vote requires that a member or members of the Finance Committee be named to said special committee. Any member of the Finance Committee who shall become a candidate for elected office in the Town shall ipso facto be disqualified from continuing to serve as a member of the Finance Committee.

D. The Finance Committee shall consider the budget as submitted to it by the Selectmen, and shall give its opinions as to each budgetary item together with an explanation of said opinion. The Selectmen shall cause the opinion of the Finance Committee to be included in appropriate places in the Warrant. The Finance Committee may hold hearings and take any other action necessary to discharge its duties hereunder. No appropriation shall be made at a Town Meeting until the Finance Committee has reported thereon. The Finance Committee shall endeavor to complete its duties and make its report within such time as to allow the Warrant to be printed and distributed by the Selectmen in accordance with the terms of this Charter.

E. Eight (8) members of the Finance Committee shall constitute a quorum; however, a lesser number may from time to time adjourn meetings of the Finance Committee.

F. The Finance Committee shall choose its own officers and shall serve without compensation, except that the Secretary shall be paid an annual salary to be determined at the Annual Town Meeting.

G. In addition to the specific powers enumerated above, the Finance Committee shall have all the powers and duties conferred upon it by the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

SECTION 6.05

A copy of the budget and the capital program as adopted shall be public records, and shall be deposited with the Town Clerk.

SECTION 6.06

Every appropriation, except an appropriation for a capital expenditure, shall lapse at the close of the fiscal year to the extent that it has not been expended or encumbered, or as otherwise provided by a vote at a Town Meeting. An appropriation for a capital expenditure shall continue in force until the purpose for which it was made has been accomplished or abandoned. The purpose of any such appropriation shall be deemed abandoned if three (3) fiscal years pass without any disbursement from or encumbrance of the appropriation.

ARTICLE VII

GENERAL AND TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 7.01

Amendments to this Charter may be framed, proposed and acted upon in a manner as provided by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or in accordance with the procedures therein contained and in no other manner. For the purpose of orderly supervision and review of this Charter from time to time, as conditions warrant, the Selectmen shall appoint a Charter Maintenance Committee composed of three (3) citizens of the Town who shall report to the Selectmen at least annually with recommendations for review of this Charter.

SECTION 7.02

If any provision of this Charter is held invalid, the other provisions of this Charter shall not be affected thereby. If the application of the Charter or any of its provisions to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the application of the Charter and its provisions to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 7.03

Nothing in this Charter except as otherwise specifically provided shall affect or impair the rights or privileges of persons who are town officers or employees at the time of its adoption.

SECTION 7.04

All rights, claims, actions, orders, contracts, and legal or administrative proceedings shall continue except as modified pursuant to the provisions of this Charter and in each case, shall be maintained, carried on, or dealt with by the town department, office, or agency appropriate under this Charter.

SECTION 7.05

All the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and all the votes and By-laws of the Town of Rockland shall continue in full force and effect when this Charter becomes effective, provided, however, that all such prior town votes and by-laws are hereby repealed as of the date this Charter becomes fully effective, to the extent that they are inconsistent with or interfere with the effective operation of this Charter.

SECTION 7.06

As used herein and where the words so indicate the masculine shall mean the feminine, the feminine shall mean the masculine, the masculine shall mean the neuter and the feminine shall mean the neuter and the neuter shall mean the masculine and the neuter shall mean the feminine.

SECTION 7.07

This Charter shall be in full force and effect for all purposes on and after January 1, 1970.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

In the Year Two Thousand and Five

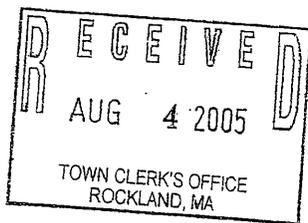
AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF ROCKLAND.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Article VI of the charter of the town of Rockland, which is on file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth, as provided in section 12 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 6.07 There shall be a capital planning committee comprised of 7 voting members, 2 of whom shall be appointed by the board of selectmen, 2 by the finance committee, 1 by the school committee, and 2 by the moderator. When first constituted the board of selectmen, the finance committee and the moderator shall each appoint 1 member for a 3-year term and the school committee 1 member for a 2-year term. The board of selectmen, the finance committee and the moderator shall each appoint 1 member for a 1-year term. Thereafter, following the annual town meeting, appointments to the committee shall be made by the the same appointing authorities so as to provide for overlapping 3-year terms. Two members of the committee may also be current members of the finance committee. The town administrator and the town accountant shall be non-voting ex-officio members.

(b) The capital planning committee shall study proposed capital projects and improvements involving major recurring and non-recurring tangible assets and projects which (1) are purchased or taken at intervals of not less than 5 years; or (2) have a useful life of at least 5 years, and; (3) cost over \$50,000. All officers, boards, departments, and committees, shall, by October 1 of each year, give to the capital planning committee, on forms furnished by the capital planning committee, information concerning all anticipated projects requiring town meeting appropriation during the ensuing 5 years. Using the revenue and expenditure projections prepared by the town administrator, the capital planning committee shall consider the relative need, impact, timing and cost of these expenditures and the effect each will



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have on the financial position of the town. An appropriation shall not be voted for a capital improvement request by the department, board, or committee unless the proposed capital improvements is considered in the committee's report or the committee shall first have submitted a report to the town meeting explaining the omission.

(c) The capital planning committee shall prepare an annual report recommending a capital improvement budget for the next fiscal year and a capital improvement program, including recommending budget for the next fiscal year and capital improvement program, including recommended capital improvements for the following 4 fiscal years. The report shall be submitted to the board of selectmen for review and recommendations.

(d) The capital planning committee's report and the board of selectmen's recommended capital improvement budget shall be published and made available in a manner consistent with the distribution of the operating budget.

House of Representatives, July 25, 2005.

Passed to be enacted,



, Speaker.

In Senate, July 25, 2005.

Passed to be enacted,



, President.

August 3, 2005. 12 noon

Approved,


Deval Patrick
Governor.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

In the Year Two Thousand and Five

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF ROCKLAND.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Subsection A of section 2.05 of Article II of the charter of the town of Rockland, which is on file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth as provided in section 12 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out the word "Tax" and inserting in place thereof the following word:- Town.

SECTION 2. Subsection B of said section 2.05 of said Article II is hereby amended by striking out the word "Tax" and inserting in place thereof the following word:- Town.

SECTION 3. The person holding the elected office of tax collector on the effective date of this act shall be considered to have been elected to the office of town collector and shall remain in the office until the expiration of the term to which he was elected, unless he sooner resigns or is removed or recalled.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House of Representatives, July 25, 2005.

Passed to be enacted,

Paul J. Donato, Speaker.

In Senate, July 25, 2005.

Passed to be enacted,

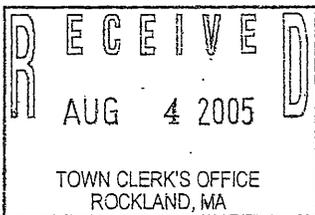
Robert A. Spadea, President.

August 3, 2005.

Approved,

at 12 o'clock and 1 minutes, p. M.

Ferry Healey
Governor.



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

In the Year Two Thousand and Five

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF ROCKLAND.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

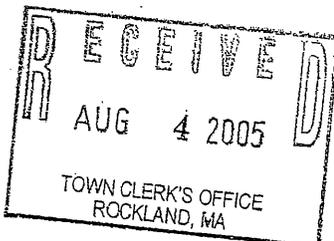
SECTION 1. Article II of the charter of the town of Rockland, which is on file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth as provided in section 12 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is hereby amended by adding the following 3 sections:-

SECTION 2.17. The board of selectmen by an affirmative vote of at least 4 members shall appoint a town administrator for a 1-year probationary term. Subsequent terms of up to 3 years may be made following the probationary term.

(a) The town administrator shall be appointed solely on the basis of executive, administrative and municipal experience. His education should consist of a bachelor's degree in public or business administration or related field; a master's degree in public administration is preferred. In the absence of either degree, a minimum of 10 years actual work experience shall be required and shall consist of at least 5 years of progressively responsible experience in municipal management, 3 years of which shall be as a chief administrative or assistant administrator in a municipal organization. He shall not have served in an elective office in or for the town of Rockland for at least 12 months before his appointment.

(b) The town administrator shall devote full time to the office and shall not hold any other public office, elected or appointed, nor engage in any other business, occupation, or profession during their term of office, unless the board of selectmen approves the action in advance in writing. The town may from time to time, by by-law establish additional qualifications as it considers necessary and appropriate.

(c) The town administrator shall execute a bond in favor of the town of Rockland for the faithful performance of his duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as may be fixed by the board of selectmen. The town shall pay the cost of the bond.



SECTION 2.18. (a) The board of selectmen by affirmative vote of at least 4 members may suspend or remove the town administrator from office. If the board of selectmen affirmatively votes to suspend or remove the town's administrator, the board shall give at least 60 days notice as to the effective date of his suspension or termination, or provide 60 days of severance pay, or a combination of both notice and severance pay equivalent to at least 60 days. At least 30 days before the proposed suspension or termination becomes effective the board of selectmen shall file a preliminary written resolution with the town clerk setting forth in detail the specific reason for the proposed suspension or termination. A copy of the resolution shall be delivered to the town administrator. The town administrator may within 10 days of service of the resolution, reply in writing to the resolution and may request a public hearing. If the town administrator so requests, the board of selectmen shall hold a public hearing not earlier than 20 days nor later than 30 days after the filing of the request. After the public hearing, if any, otherwise at the expiration of 30 days following the filing of the preliminary resolution, the selectmen may suspend or terminate the town administrator from duty. In the event the town administrator is charged with a criminal act, alleged to have been perpetrated while performing his job, suspension without pay is immediate and if the town administrator is not exonerated of the charges, termination is immediate and no notice or severance shall be provided. Nothing contained herein shall limit the authority of the board of selectmen to suspend or terminate the town administrator as provided by state, federal or local law.

(b) If the office of town administrator is vacant, as a result of death, removal, resignation, or otherwise, or the town administrator is on a leave of absence exceeding 2 weeks, the board of selectmen by affirmative vote of at least 3 members, shall appoint a qualified town administrator officer, or employee to serve as acting town administrator. The acting town administrator shall receive compensation as set by the affirmative vote of at least 3 selectmen, but shall not exceed the rate of compensation approved for the town administrator being replaced. The appointment of the acting town administrator shall not exceed a 4-month period.

SECTION 2.19. (a) The town administrator shall be the administrative officer of the town of Rockland, reporting directly to the board of selectmen and acting as its agent. He shall be responsible for the effective and pro-

professional administration of the day-to-day affairs of the town in the absence of the board of selectmen as described herein.

(b) The town administrator shall administer this charter, either directly or through a person or persons appointed by the board of selectmen.

(c) The town administrator shall be responsible for the proper administration and development of the annual operating budget process.

(d) The town administrator shall recommend to the board of selectmen strategic plans and objectives for mitigation or other purposes. He shall have prepared multi-year forecasts on revenues and expenditures for use in analyzing financial impacts in collective bargaining issues, insurance costs, and other long-term costs. He shall commend to the board of selectmen, for their approval, debt management, and capital planning policies. He shall further recommend policies and long-range goals to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of town government.

(e) The town administrator shall keep the board of selectmen fully informed regarding all departmental operations, fiscal affairs, general problems, and administrative actions. He shall keep the board of selectmen and the finance committee informed as to the financial condition and the needs of the town.

(f) The town administrator shall act as the town's insurance coordinator. He shall be responsible for ensuring that all pertinent policies are in effect, see that adequate insurance coverage is provided, ensure that claims are properly processed, conduct cost benefit analyses on existing policies and propose changes. He shall render an annual report to the board of selectmen on all claims made and losses sustained.

(g) The town administrator shall act as grant coordinator for the town. He shall collect and distribute information concerning grants, establish uniform procedures for grant applications, prepare or assist in developing grant proposals and shall monitor all town grants to ensure fiscal and program compliance.

(h) The town administrator, in cooperation with other town officials selected by him, shall establish policies, procedures and guidelines for town procurements in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws. He shall keep an inventory of the real and fixed assets of the town.

(i) The town administrator shall be responsible for the approval of the purchase of all supplies, materials, equipment, and other services, for departments or agencies under the jurisdiction of the board of selectmen.

(j) The town administrator in the absence of the board of selectmen shall act as agent of the board of selectmen in coordinating activities, budgets, and day to day operations of the town departments, boards, committees, and commissions that come under the jurisdiction of the board of selectmen. He shall coordinate these activities with officers and boards elected by the voters, keeping all informed of ongoing activities and issues.

(k) The town administrator shall plan, organize and supervise the operational audits of the activities of town departments to evaluate the efficiency of resource utilization and the effectiveness of governmental services. Audit areas may include staffing, scheduling, vehicle management, and any other topic requested by the board of selectmen.

(l) The town administrator shall participate in the collective bargaining process and see that the provisions of the collective bargaining agreements are enforced in departments under his jurisdiction.

(m) The town administrator shall assist the board of selectmen in recruitment and selection of department heads under their jurisdiction.

(n) The town administrator shall ensure that the town maintains a professional personnel system by monitoring the effectiveness of policies, procedures and practices as required by law, in accordance with proper personnel practices. He shall ensure that the recruitment, selection, promotion, transfer, discipline, and removal of employees are conducted in accordance with applicable state and federal laws, and with personnel by-laws and policies adopted pursuant to the same. He shall coordinate personnel administration with the personnel board.

(o) In the absence of the board of selectmen, and at its direction, he shall perform public relations functions for the board of selectmen by presenting the town's position of issues, responding to citizens complaints, preparing press releases, and representing the board at conferences, hearings, and meetings with county, state, and federal agencies. He shall act as its liaison to business, industrial and community groups.

(p) The town administrator shall be responsible for the use and maintenance of all town facilities and equipment under the jurisdiction of the board of selectmen.

(q) The town administrator shall attend all regular and special meetings of the board of selectmen and have voice but no vote in all meetings. He shall attend all regular and special sessions of the town meeting to answer questions and provide information. He shall oversee the preparation of the annual town report and town warrants.

(r) The town administrator shall see that the General Laws, the Rockland town charter and Rockland town by-laws, and the votes of town meeting, and votes of the board of selectmen are carried out and performed.

(s) The town administrator shall perform all other duties as may be required by the board of selectmen.

SECTION 2. The town administrator of the town of Rockland holding office as of the effective date of this act shall continue to hold such office for the term of his appointment, unless he sooner resigns or is suspended or removed in accordance with the town charter.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House of Representatives, July 25, 2005.

Passed to be enacted,

Paul J. Martin, Speaker.

In Senate, July 25, 2005.

Passed to be enacted,

Randy Caproni, President.

August 3, 2005.

Approved,

at *12* o'clock and *2* minutes, *P.* M.

Tim Healey
Acting Governor.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

In the Year Two Thousand and Five

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF ROCKLAND.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Subsection E of section 6.04 of Article VI of the charter of the town of Rockland, which is on file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth as provided in section 12 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out the words "Eight (8) members of the Finance Committee shall constitute a quorum" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- A majority of those members appointed shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House of Representatives, July 25, 2005.

Passed to be enacted,

Paul Amato, Speaker.

In Senate, July 25, 2005.

Passed to be enacted,

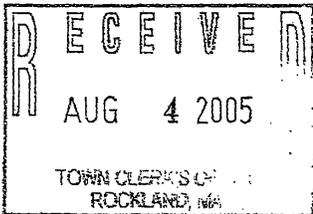
Robert O'Connell, President.

August 3, 2005.

Approved,

at 12 o'clock and 3 minutes, P. M.

Kevin Healey
Acting Governor.



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

In the Year Two Thousand and Four

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF ROCKLAND.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

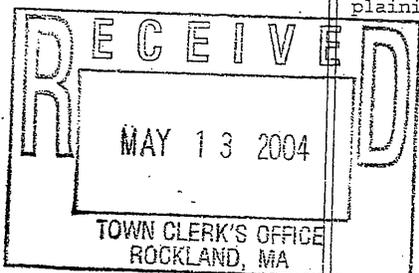
Section 2:02 of Article II of the charter of the town of Rockland, which is on file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth as provided in section 12 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out paragraphs D and E and inserting in place thereof the following 2 paragraphs:-

D. The selectmen shall cause the annual town report to be printed on or before May first of the following fiscal year, and shall cause a copy of the report to be distributed at the following locations: main entrance to the town hall, Rockland Public Library and the Rockland Senior Center.

E. The selectmen shall prepare the warrant for the annual town meeting, which warrant shall be closed 50 days before the date of the meeting. The selectmen shall cause copies of the warrant for the annual town meeting to be distributed at the following locations: main entrance to the town hall, Rockland Public Library and Rockland Senior Center at least 14 days before holding the meeting. The warrant for the annual town meeting shall also be announced in a newspaper of general circulation within the town at least 14 days before the town meeting. The notice shall include locations where a copy of the warrant can be obtained.

(a) The selectmen shall have the power to order special town meetings as they consider necessary, and shall prepare the warrants for the meetings; but, to order a special town meeting the selectmen shall first adopt, by a majority vote of their board, a resolution stating clearly the emergency nature of the situation prompting their order.

(b) No warrant for a special town meeting shall close until at least 7 days have passed from the date of adoption of their resolution; and each article inserted in the warrant shall have attached to it a brief statement explaining the emergency nature of the article.



(c) The selectmen shall cause copies of the warrant for each special town meeting to be distributed at the following locations: main entrance to the town hall, Rockland Public Library and the Rockland Senior Center at least 14 days before the town meeting. The warrant for each special town meeting shall also be announced in a newspaper of general circulation within the town at least 14 days before the town meeting. The notice shall include locations where the warrant can be obtained. Upon a majority vote of the board, the selectmen shall have the power to open any warrant after it has closed for the purpose of inserting articles, if the articles are of an emergency nature and have attached to them a brief statement explaining the emergency.

House of Representatives, April 20, 2004.

Passed to be enacted, *Salvatore J. DiMassa*, Acting Speaker.

In Senate, April 24, 2004.

Passed to be enacted, *Sten Rosenberg*, Acting President.

May 6, 2004.

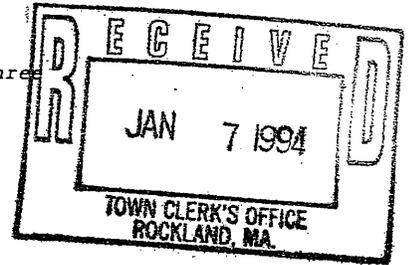
Approved, at 3:12 PM

William W. Roy
Governor.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-three

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF ROCKLAND.



Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Subsection (c) of section 2:02G of Article II of the charter of the town of Rockland, which is on file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth as provided in section twelve of chapter forty-three B of the General Laws, is hereby amended by adding the following words:- for a term of three years.

SECTION 2. Subsection (e) of said section 2:02G of said Article II of said charter is hereby amended by adding the following words:- for a term of three years.

SECTION 3. Subsection (j) of said section 2:02G of said Article II of said charter is hereby amended by adding the following words:- for a term of three years.

SECTION 4. Said section 2:02G of said Article II of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out subsection (r) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

(r) A Director of the Council on Aging for a term of three years.

SECTION 5. Subsection (e) of section 2:02H of said Article II of said charter is hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the words "for the" and inserting in place thereof the word:- on.

SECTION 6. Section 2:02L of said Article II of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- The selectmen shall make their annual appointments within thirty days following the annual town election.

SECTION 7. Article V of said charter is hereby amended by striking out section 5:01 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 5:01 The annual town election which is Article 1 of the annual town meeting shall be held on the second Saturday of April in each year.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House of Representatives, December 23, 1993.

James A. Walsh
Acting
Speaker.

passed to be enacted,

In Senate, December 23, 1993.

passed to be enacted, *William M. Bulger*, President.

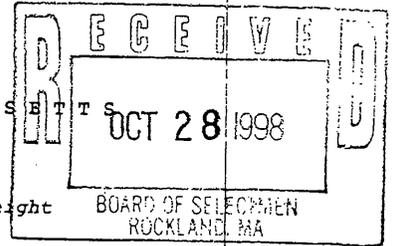
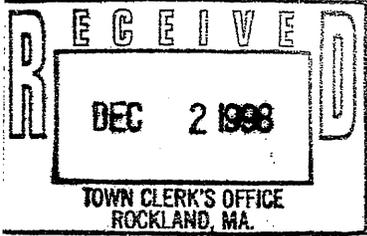
30 December, 1993.

Approved,

at two o'clock and 13 minutes, P. M.

William F. Weld

Governor.



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-eight

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWN OF ROCKLAND.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2.02(I) of Article II of the charter of the town of Rockland, which is on file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth, as provided in section 12 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following three paragraphs:-

The chief of police shall have full authority to appoint, demote, suspend and terminate all the police officers and command officers of the police department, and for the purposes of the requirements of chapter 31 of the General Laws, and the rules made thereunder shall be considered the appointing authority for the police department.

In original appointments to the permanent-intermittent force, regular full-time force or the promotion of any officer to any rank, said chief of police shall convene an assessment panel comprised of not less than three superior police officers of any police department, who shall interview and recommend the best candidates to said chief of police who shall choose among the names submitted to him by the assessment panel in accordance with the provisions of said chapter 31.

Said chief of police shall appoint such clerical and civilian staff as is authorized by town meeting.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House of Representatives, September 24, 1998.

Passed to be enacted, [Signature]

Acting Speaker.

In Senate, September 28, 1998.

Passed to be enacted, [Signature]

President.

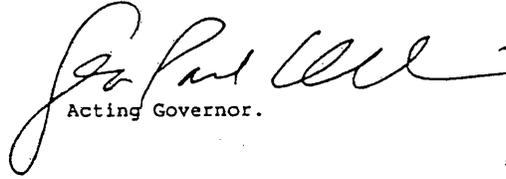
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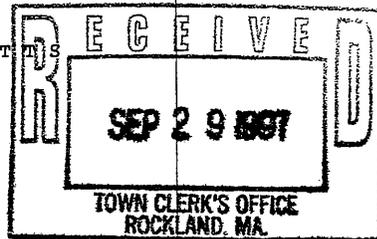
Approved,

at

8 o'clock and 30 minutes, P. M.


Acting Governor.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS



In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-seven

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF ROCKLAND REGARDING TOWN OFFICIALS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2.01 of Article II of the charter of the town of Rockland, which is on file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth, as provided in section 12 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out subsection D and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

D. Elected and appointed town officials must be registered voters in the town of Rockland. The term appointed town officials shall only apply to those persons appointed to serve on the various boards and commissions. All full time administrative personnel shall not be town officials for the purpose of this section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House of Representatives, September 11, 1997.

Passed to be enacted, [Signature] Acting Speaker.

In Senate, September 15, 1997.

Passed to be enacted, [Signature], President.

September 17, 1997.

Approved, at 3 o'clock and 12 minutes, P. M.

[Signature] Acting Governor.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-seven

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF ROCKLAND.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 2.09 of Article II of the charter of the Town of Rockland, which is on file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth as provided in section 12 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

C. The board of sewer commissioners shall also be known as the drainage committee and shall have all the powers and duties conferred upon it by this charter, the town by-laws, votes of town meetings, and the General Laws.

House of Representatives, October 21, 1997.

Passed to be enacted,



Acting Speaker.

In Senate, October 23, 1997.

Passed to be enacted,



President.

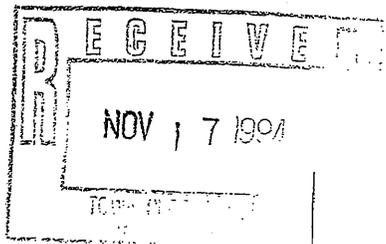
October 30, 1997.

Approved,

at 5:57 AM



Acting Governor.



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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-four

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF ROCKLAND.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Subsection G. of section 2.02 of Article II of the charter of the town of Rockland, which is on file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth as provided in section twelve of chapter forty-three B of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out clause d. and inserting in place thereof the following clause:-

d. A Director of Emergency Management

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

House of Representatives, October 24, 1994.

Passed to be enacted,

Emanuel Lima Acting Speaker.

In Senate, October 27, 1994.

Passed to be enacted,

William W. Bulger President.

3 November, 1994.

Approved,

at ten o'clock and 51 minutes, A.M.

W. William F. Weld

Governor.