

ORDER
STANDISH TOWN COUNCIL

DATE: August 14, 2018
ORDER NUMBER: 92-18

SUBMITTED BY: Nesbitt

TITLE: PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SECTIONS 701, 703 AND 706 OF THE TOWN CHARTER AND ACTION TO SUBMIT THE AMENDMENTS TO THE VOTERS ON NOVEMBER 6, 2018.

ORDERED, that the Town Clerk be and hereby is directed to place the attached amendments to Sections 701, 703 and 706 of the Town Charter on the November 6, 2018 ballot; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that, because it is not practical to print the proposed amendments on the ballot and a summary will not misrepresent the subject matter of the proposed amendments, the Town Clerk be and hereby is directed to prepare a summary of the proposed amendments in accordance with 30-A M.R.S.A. § 2105(3)(C) and to include the summary on the ballot instead of the full text of the proposed amendments; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that, the Town Clerk be and hereby is directed to, at least 2 weeks before the election: (1) have the proposed amendments and the summary of the amendments prepared under this section printed; (2) make copies available to the voters in the Town Clerk's office; and (3) post the amendments and the summary of the amendments in the same manner that proposed ordinances are posted.

APPROVED _____ DISAPPROVED _____

ROLL CALL YEA NAY ABSTAIN

DELCOURT _____
LIBBY _____
NESBITT _____
POMERLEAU _____
SIRPIS _____
STAROSTECKI _____

CLERK/SECRETARY _____

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Shall the Town of Standish approve the proposed Charter amendments printed below?

[Note: Proposed deletions are ~~struck through~~; additions are underlined.]

Article VII Nominations and Elections

Sec. 701. Municipal elections.

The regular election for the choice of members of the Town Council, Budget Committee, Planning Board ~~and directors of Maine School Administrative District No. 6~~ shall be held on the second Tuesday of June, unless otherwise established by Council ordinance. All such elections shall be conducted on a nonpartisan basis and without party designations on the election ballot. The Council may, by resolution, order a special election at any time to fill vacancies.

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Sec. 703. Conduct of municipal elections.

The provisions of the statutes of the State of Maine relating to the qualifications of voters, the registration of voters, the nomination for any office, the manner of voting, the duties of election officers and all other particulars relative to preparation for, conducting and management of elections, so far as they may be applicable, shall govern all municipal elections, except as otherwise provided in this Charter, and no Town Councilor, Budget Committee member, Planning Board member ~~and/or Director of MSAD #6~~ shall be deemed elected to their said office unless they receive a minimum of twenty-five (25) votes at said election.

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Sec. 706. Term limits.

Notwithstanding any other provision contained in this Charter, no Council member, ~~School Board member~~ or Budget Committee member shall seek reelection to their respective office for more than one additional consecutive term. No person who has served either four or more successive years, or has been elected to two successive terms on the Council, ~~School Board~~ and/or Budget Committee, shall be eligible for either appointment or election to their respective body within 36 months of his/her last serving as a member. The provisions of this amendment shall apply to current as well as future Council members, ~~School Board members~~ and Budget Committee members and shall apply to all appointments or elections, whether for district or at-large seats.

The effective date of these amendments is November 7, 2018.