

WARNING TOWN OF HARDWICK- AMENDED

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING (PROPOSED TOWN OF HARDWICK CHARTER CHANGE) DECEMBER 9, 2021

The legal voters of the Town of Hardwick, Vermont are hereby notified and warned to meet at the Hardwick Memorial Building in said Town of Hardwick on Thursday, December 9, 2021 from 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon until 7:00 o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following business:

If special accommodations are necessary because of physical disabilities, please contact the Town Clerk's Office (472-5971).

Article 1. Shall the voters of the Town of Hardwick approve the following amendments to the Hardwick Town Charter:

(Subchapter 1: Incorporation and Grant Of Powers) - § 123-101. Corporate Existence Retained; § 123-104. Additional powers; § 123-105. Reservation of powers to the Town; §123-107. Ordinance; adoption by ~~selectmen~~ the Selectboard; § 123-108. Referendum; § 123-109. Ordinances; adoption on petition; § 123-110 Non-applicability of zoning and subdivision; § 123-112. Authority of police officers; § 123-113. Open meetings; § 123-114 Form of government; § 123-116. Intergovernmental relations; ~~§ 123-117. Town School District; establishment.~~

(Subchapter 3: Officers) - § 123-302. Elective officers; § 123-303. Terms of office; ~~selectmen~~ Selectboard members; § 123-304. Other elective offices; ~~§ 123-305. Treasurer~~ [§ 123-305 (a) – (b) 5 Repealed.; § 123-306. Appointed officers; § 123-307. Vacancies and appointments; § 123-309. Oath of office; § 123-310. Town Clerk and Treasurer; § 123-311. Recall of elected officials.

(Subchapter 5: ~~Selectmen~~ Selectboard); § 123-501. Powers and duties; § 123-502. Organization; ~~§ 123-503. Record of proceedings~~ [Repealed.]; § 123-504. Jurisdiction over offices and employees.

(Subchapter 7: Town Manager) - § 123-701. Appointed by ~~selectmen~~ Selectboard; § 123-703. Oath and bond; § 123-704. Duties of ~~manager~~ the Manager; § 123-705. Compensation; § 123-706. Absence.

(Subchapter 9: Commissions ~~And~~ and Appointments) - § 123-901. Appointments; § 123-902. Water supply; duties of Selectboard members; § 123-903. Sewage collection and disposal; duties of ~~selectmen~~ the Selectboard; § 123-904. Electric Department commissioners; § 123-905. Fire Department; appointments; § 123-906. Police Department appointments, whenever the Town of Hardwick shall maintain a police department; § 123-907. Fire and Police Departments; general provisions; § 123-909. Board of Health.

(Subchapter 11: Town Meeting) - § 123-1103. Polling places; § 123-1104. Postponement and combining of town meeting;

(Subchapter 13: Zoning ~~And~~ and Planning) - § 123-1301. Applicability of State law to zoning and planning; ~~§ 123-1302. Ratification of present zoning ordinance~~ § 123-1303. Minutes.

(Subchapter 15: Budget ~~And~~ and Taxation) - § 123-1502. Preparation and submission of budget; § 123-1504. Appropriations; § 123-1505. Amount to be raised by taxation; § 123-1506. Budget limitations- borrowing; § 123-1507. Transfers of appropriations; ~~§ 123-1509. Fees and fines~~ [Repealed].

(Subchapter 17: General Provisions) - ~~§§ 123-1702-1704. [Transitional Provisions.]~~ [Repealed]; § 123-1705. Amendment of charter; ~~§§ 123-1707-1715. [Village Town Merger Transitional Provisions]~~ [Repealed].

Article 2. Shall the voters of the Town of Hardwick approve the following amendment to the Hardwick Town Charter specific to the Office of Town Clerk and Town Treasurer: "Shall the office of Town Clerk and Town Treasurer be combined into a single position?" (Subchapter 3: Officers) § 123-302. Elective officers (6)

Article 3. Shall the voters of the Town of Hardwick approve the following amendment to the Hardwick Town Charter specific to the Office of Town Clerk and Treasurer: "Shall the Office of Town Clerk and Town Treasurer be appointed by the Selectboard?" (Subchapter 3: Officers) § 123-302. Elective officers (5) 123-304. Other elective offices; ~~§ 123-305. Treasurer~~ [§ 123-305 (a) – (b) 5 Repealed] § 123-306. Appointed officers; 123-307. Vacancies and appointments;

Article 4. Shall the voters of the Town of Hardwick approve the following amendment to the Hardwick Town Charter specific to the Assistant Town Clerk and Treasurer: "Shall the Office of Assistant Town Clerk and Assistant Town Treasurer be appointed by the Selectboard?" § 123-306. Appointed officers; (11)

The complete text of proposed amendments to the Hardwick Town Charter may be obtained from the Town Offices at the Hardwick Memorial Building. Copies are also available online at :<https://hardwickvt.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Draft-charter-3.pdf>

The legal voters of the Town of Hardwick are further notified that voter qualifications, registration, and absentee voting relative to said Special Town Meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

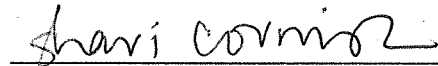
AMENDMENT -Dated at Hardwick, Vermont this ^{16th} ~~9th~~ day of November, A.D. 2021.

Eric Remick, Chair



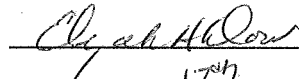
Ceilidh Galloway-Kane, Vice Chair

Shari Cornish



Michael Deering

Elizabeth Dow



Hardwick Town Clerk's Office. Received for record this ^{17th} ~~10th~~ day of November, 2021 at 8 o'clock 00 minutes a.m., the instrument of which the foregoing is a true copy.

Attest: Alberta A. Miller, Town Clerk

