

Possible Charter Revision Ballot Question Formats
For November 2, 2021 Municipal Election
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~~Shall~~[to allow](#) the new Finance Committee [to](#) assume the role of the Capitol Acquisition, Planning, and Allocation Committee, [\(c\)](#)
~~and~~

~~— Shall the Board of Selectmen be to increase the Board of Selectmen increased~~ from five to seven members with staggered four-year terms, and [\(d\) to prohibit](#)

~~— Shall~~ members of the Board of Selectmen ~~be prohibited~~ from serving simultaneously in other elected town offices?

Q. 2. Shall the town charter be amended to change “reduce” to “revise” in the provision relating to a failed budget referendum thereby permitting [either](#) an increase or decrease in the proposed budget?

Q. 3. Shall the town charter be amended to change the title of Administrative Officer to Town Administrator [and to](#); change the role and responsibilities of that position? ~~and~~

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Q. 4. Shall the town charter be amended to prohibit the Administrative Officer [or the Town Administrator, if the change](#)

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in Question 3 is approved, from serving in organizations including but not limited to Bolton Land Trust, Bolton Volunteer Fire Department, Bolton Parent Teacher Association, Community Voice Channel or holding any other appointed town positions, such as Fire Chief, Emergency Services Director, Fire Marshall or their deputies which may be conflicting with the responsibilities of the position of Administrative Officer or Town Administrator, as applicable?

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Q. 5. Shall the current thresholds for borrowing and supplemental appropriations in the town charter be lowered, so amounts above 2% -of last approved Total Expenditure Amount must go to referendum?

Q. 6. Shall the town charter be amended to merge the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Inland Wetlands Commission, make members of that combined board, its alternates, and members of the Zoning Board of Appeals and its alternates appointed positions?

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- add a definition of Total Expenditure Amount,
- change the timing of notices of transfers of special appropriations,
- decrease the term of fire commissioners to four years and change the timing of the appointment of said members,
- change the timing of the election of chairmen of elected and appointed boards and commissions,
- clarify conflict of interest provisions,
- change the method of resolving a tie vote to a coin toss
- add provisions for posting and recording materials of certain board and commission meetings,
- change the timing of the selection of the auditor,
- change the provision re the appointment of the treasurer,
- add a requirement of a plain language summary of the budget,
- change the date of publication of the annual report,
- remove references to the judge of probate,
- change the definition of a majority of the Board of Selectmen,~~S~~,
- allow additions to Board of Selectmen~~S~~ agendas, ~~and~~
- change the duration of the Temporary Public Building Commission~~?~~, and

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- [make such other grammatical, stylistic and technical changes as are recommended in the final report of the Charter Revision Commission or are otherwise required to reflect those amendments to the charter that are approved by the electors.](#)

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