

Proposal Request and Comment Form

Date: November 10, 2017	Name: Michael DeCotis
Connection to Tiverton:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered Voter (Elector) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resident <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Property Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Business Owner and/or Work in Tiverton <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Expand Town Council term to 4 years.
Contact Information:*	<p>May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address: 19 Louise Dr.</p> <p>Phone number: 401-418-1935</p> <p>Email: mikedecotis@cox.net</p>

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 Attention: Richard Rom, Secretary
 c/o Tiverton Town Clerk
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Comment

Upon review of the current Tiverton Town Charter, I share the following comment:

Currently the term length for each town council member stands at 2 years. Many other municipalities use 4 years for the term of city town council. We have constant turnover in our Town Council which leads to new members coming on all at the same time which hurts the experience factor of the Council. 4 years would be more reasonable so that each member can have more time to learn, study and adjust to the process. 4 members would be on one trajectory for an election cycle while the remaining 3 would be spaced 2 years later. This could help cohesivness of the council and eliminate the responsibility of having up to 7 new members being elected consecutively.

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Proposal Request

Upon review of the current Tiverton Town Charter, I request that the Commission consider the following proposal to change the Town Charter:

<p>Change Requested</p>	<p>Change the Town Council term from 2 to 4 year terms.</p>
<p>Describe why the Requested Change is needed</p>	<p>Prevent constant and total turnover of the council.</p>
<p>Describe the effect of the Requested Change</p>	<p>Long term goal would be to maintain a more cohesive and experienced Town Council. The effect could be highly beneficial to the town in many ways including reducing potential risks of litigation due to members overall lack of experience amongst other benefits.</p>
<p>(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section</p>	<p>Article IV Town Council; Section 401 Organization</p>

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Date: 11/13/2017	Name: Donna Cook
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Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Taxpayer rebate of casino gaming revenue
Contact Information:*	<p>May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Phone number: 401-624-8745</p> <p>Email: donna.j.cook@cox.net</p>

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In review of the current Tiverton Town Charter, I request that the Commission consider the following proposal to change the Town Charter:

<p>Change Requested</p>	<p>25% of annual casino gaming revenue shall be placed in a Capital Improvement Fund and 75% of annual casino gaming revenue shall be refunded (rebated) to taxpayers via check in the proportion of their property tax bill.</p>
<p>Describe why the Requested Change is needed</p>	<p>1) Tiverton taxpayers deserve significant tax relief. This proposal directs 75% of the casino gaming back to the taxpayer so that individual families, versus the government, can decide how to best use the money.</p> <p>2) Some townspeople seek a fund dedicated to Town infrastructure improvements. As a compromise to these townspeople, this proposal directs 25% of the casino gaming revenue to a Capital Improvement Fund.</p>
<p>Describe the effect of the Requested Change</p>	<p>1) Rather than the government deciding for them, taxpaying families could decide how to best use 75% of the casino gaming revenue.</p> <p>2) 75% of the gaming revenue would remain outside of the FTR annual budgeting process, hence the annual town budget would not be reliant on it, thereby addressing a concern expressed by others.</p> <p>3) The 75% refund (rebate) / 25% CIF model is consistent with the Town of Lincoln's historical practice (75.8% General Fund/24.3% Capital Program fund).</p> <p>4) A minimum of \$750,000 per year would fund the Capital Improvement fund.</p>
<p>(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section</p>	<p>New section</p>

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Date: 10/16/17	Name: Jerome Larkin, M.D.
Connection to Tiverton:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered Voter (Elector) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resident <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Property Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Business Owner and/or Work in Tiverton <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other:
Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	(Empty field)
Contact Information:*	May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/> Address: Phone number: Email: jlarkin@tivertonschools.org

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<p>Change Requested</p>	<p>Was addressed in July 2011. Our concern was that 1218 is too broad-elected officials cannot take a position of advocacy concerning the FTR. The response was that "1218 does not limit free speech, what it does limit is the use of town resources to influence the outcome of a voting contest."</p> <p>Please omit the word labor on second line-page 30.</p>
<p>Describe why the Requested Change is needed</p>	<p>Not very clear-language change.</p>
<p>Describe the effect of the Requested Change</p>	<p>This will give elected officials the freedom to advocate for their budgets provided that no town resources are provided.</p>
<p>(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section</p>	<p>Section 1218-Use of town resources to influence a voting contest. Source: FTR recommendations tracking sheet 2011.</p>

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Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	
Contact Information:*	May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
	Address:
	Phone number:
	Email: jlarkin@tivertonschools.org

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Upon review of the current Tiverton Town Charter, I request that the Commission consider the following proposal to change the Town Charter:

<p>Change Requested</p>	<p>Change language in Section 703.6. Change from: "To present the docket to the electorate at the Financial Town Hearing." Change to" To move the public hearing before the docket is finalized, in order to accept public input and make changes if necessary."</p>
<p>Describe why the Requested Change is needed</p>	<p>This would allow for possible adjustments if requested and agreed upon according to public input.</p>
<p>Describe the effect of the Requested Change</p>	
<p>(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section</p>	<p>Article VII-Budget Committee Section 703 Duties and Responsibilities</p>

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Date: November 20, 2017	Name: Nancy L Driggs
Connection to Tiverton:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered Voter (Elector) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resident <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Property Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Business Owner and/or Work in Tiverton <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	100% of Casino Revenue shall be Refunded (Rebated) to Taxpayer
Contact Information:*	<p style="text-align: center;">May we contact you for questions or clarification?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address: 61 Peaceful Way</p> <p>Phone number: 401 835-0099</p> <p>Email:</p>

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Upon review of the current Tiverton Town Charter, I request that the Commission consider the following proposal to change the Town Charter:

<p>Change Requested</p>	<p>Add a new swction to the Charter to state that 100% of annual gaming revenue shall be refunded (rebated) to the taxpayere via check in the proportion of their property tax bill.</p>
<p>Describe why the Requested Change is needed</p>	<p>Tiverton taxpayers deserve a significant tax relief. Further, by using the casino gaming revenues soley as a refund (rebate) in the proportion of the taxpayer's tax bill, the town of Tiverton will never become reliant on any of these funds which could easily decrease should more neighboring towns/cities develop a casino.</p>
<p>Describe the effect of the Requested Change</p>	<p>Again, it would provide the significant tax relief Tiverton taxpayers need, and it would keep the casino gaming revenue out of government hands, thereby allowing each taxpayer to decide how it should be spent/saved.</p>
<p>(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section</p>	<p>New Section.</p>

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Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Town Council Policy: Boards, Committees and Commissions
Contact Information:*	May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/> Address: Phone number: 401-624-8745 Email:

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Tiverton Charter Review Commission

ID #76

Proposal Request

In a review of the current Tiverton Town Charter, I request that the Commission consider the following proposal to change the Town Charter:

Change Requested	<p>Issue for consideration:</p> <p>Language to ensure that the Charter shall only list Boards, Committees and Commissions that are elected bodies, governed by state and federal law, or any body with force of law. All other entities shall come under the governance of the Town Council Policy: Boards, Committees and Commissions. This policy governs the appointment and oversight of Town boards, commissions, and committees.</p> <p>The Budget Committee, School Committee and Charter Review Commission are not governed by this policy, as they are independently elected bodies and meetings with them are required by other authority.</p>
Describe why the Requested Change is needed	<p>Reason for consideration:</p> <p>This will allow more flexibility for the Town Council to add or subtract boards, committees and commissions and verbiage, without having to wait for an election to amend the changes in the Charter by ballot.</p>
Describe the effect of the Requested Change	<p>Effect of Change:</p> <p>The Town Council will be able to make amendments to the Town Council Policy: Boards, Committees and Commission, by majority vote at a Council meeting. This will be more efficient than the present system of waiting for an election to post the changes to the Charter.</p> <p>All the amended changes to Town Council Policy: Boards, Committees and Commissions document, shall be required to be updated and posted online within 5 business days.</p>
(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section	<p>Article X Boards and Commissions, and includes any and all sections of the charter that pertain to this subject.</p>

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**Tiverton Charter Review Commission
Proposal Request and Comment Form**

ID #77

Date:12/2/17	Name:Economic Development Commission
Connection to Tiverton:	<input type="checkbox"/> Registered Voter (Elector) <input type="checkbox"/> Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Property Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Business Owner and/or Work in Tiverton <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Economic Development Commission
Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Rewriting description and responsibilities for EDC
Contact Information:*	<p>May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Renee Jones</p> <p>Address: 343 Highland RD</p> <p>Phone number: 401-625-6700</p> <p>Email: EDC@Tiverton.ri.gov</p>

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Tiverton Charter Review Commission Proposal Request

Upon review of the current Tiverton Town Charter, I request that the Commission consider the following proposal to change the Town Charter:

<p>Change Requested</p>	<p>We would like to add wording to the description of the members that states, "All members shall be registered voters and current residents of the Town of Tiverton appointed by the Town Council." Also we would like to include a list of responsibilities and duties consistent with the Town's Comprehensive Plan</p>
<p>Describe why the Requested Change is needed</p>	<p>.To assure that members of the EDC are registered voters living in the Town. Also to make sure responsibilities and duties are consistent with the Town's new Comprehensive Plan</p>
<p>Describe the effect of the Requested Change</p>	
<p>(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section</p>	<p>Listed under the description of the EDC</p>

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Town Charter
Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission shall consist of five (5) members. All members shall be registered voters and current residents of the Town of Tiverton appointed by the Town Council. Members shall serve for four (4) year terms and the appointments shall be staggered so that no more than two (2) terms expired in any single year. Vacancies shall be filled by the Town Council for the remainder of an expired term. The Economic Development Commission shall annually elect a Chairperson and other officers, as it deems appropriate.

Duties and Responsibilities

The Economic Development Commission reports to the Town Administrator and Town Council.

The Economic Development Commission shall:

1. Assist new businesses that help diversify the tax base, contribute to the unique character of the town and are consistent with Tiverton's Comprehensive Plan.
2. Assist the Town Council, Planning Board and Town Administrator to review proposals for the Business Park.
3. Assist the Town Council, Planning Board, Zoning Board with reassessing the benefits of the current Enterprise Zone. Review inclusion of conflicting zoning districts as well as size and location of the Enterprise Zone.
4. Assist businesses with information on statewide programs eg. Commerce RI, DOT, that will help with tax relief, low cost loans or grants for business start-ups, expansion or expenses related to renovations.
5. Aid businesses negotiating town/state agencies during permitting processes. Explore the possibility of establishing the LEAN program from Commerce RI to streamline permitting/application processes for businesses.
6. Help local businesses establish network support groups to encourage communication and development of common goals (Example would be business groups like Tiverton Four Corners).
7. Work with state agencies to establish business goals for Tiverton that align and are consistent with overall state economic goals as documented in the Brookings Institute report.
8. Work with Town Council, Planning Board and Zoning Board as they look at bringing town zoning into compliance with the Land Use component of the Comprehensive Plan.

Proposal Request and Comment Form

Date: 12/4/2017	Name: Nancy Mello
Connection to Tiverton:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered Voter (Elector) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resident <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Property Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Business Owner and/or Work in Tiverton <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Town Clerk
Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	general qualification for members of Boards, Committees or Commissions
Contact Information:*	<p>May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Phone number: 401-625-6711</p> <p>Email: nmello@tiverton.ri.gov</p>

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Comment

Upon review of the current Tiverton Town Charter, I share the following comment:

We loose good candidates that are residents but choose not to be electors.
I would like to see a change to say must be full time residents to be on a board or commission.

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December 4, 2017

Proposal Request

Upon review of the current Tiverton Town Charter, I request that the Commission consider the following proposal to change the Town Charter:

Change Requested	change must be electors to must be electors or residents in Section 1011 General Qualifications
Describe why the Requested Change is needed	residents may choose not to be an elector for whatever reason yet they are valuable as volunteers
Describe the effect of the Requested Change	would include residents not registered to vote on boards and commissions
(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section	Section 1011 - General Qualifications

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December 4, 2017

Proposal Request and Comment Form

Date: November 28, 2017	Name: Nancy Mello, Town Clerk
Connection to Tiverton:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered Voter (Elector) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resident <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Property Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Business Owner and/or Work in Tiverton <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Town CLerk
Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Recall Petition
Contact Information:*	<p>May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Phone number: 401-625-6711</p> <p>Email: nmello@tiverton.ri.gov</p>

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November 28, 2017

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CRC Form A (Rev 3)

Comment

Upon review of the current Tiverton Town Charter, I share the following comment:

Under the FTR process I feel the need to tweak a few arrears.

1. From a time frame perspective once the budget has final approval by Town Council it then goes to the Town Administrator for 10 days to be submitted to the Budget Committee as do the School Committee, Town Clerk and Treasurer's final budget. A suggestion would be to cut back 5 days across the process and use that for extra time to print and distribute dockets.

2. I would like to see the FTR hearing take place before final votes of the Budget Committee. It does not serve a purpose for a public hearing on the budget if there can be no consideration given to public comments. Some changes may or may not come from a hearing but at least the citizens feel there would be worth to their comments. I often hear "why go if we can't change anything".

3. Elector Budget Proposals need clarity. The Town Clerk should not be filling out the elector petition because if it isn't correct there is no process to correct. The Town Clerk could prepare a petition and it could be placed on the website and let electors download and fill in their own petitions. This way the Town Clerk doesn't influence the process in any way.

4. The process of the "run-off" should be reviewed and eliminated. Petition with highest votes should prevail. The idea of a run-off if no majority of votes creates confusion in advertising and to electors. Many are still not aware of what it means.

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CRC Form A (Rev 3)

Proposal Request

Upon review of the current Tiverton Town Charter, I request that the Commission consider the following proposal to change the Town Charter:

Change Requested	clarification to FTR process
Describe why the Requested Change is needed	Some areas need to be tweaked for clarity
Describe the effect of the Requested Change	Greater ability for electors to understand and possibly submit petitions
(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section	Article III- Financial Town Referendum Section 301-Budget, Tax Levy and Resolution Adoption Process..... various sections

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Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Judge of Probate - non partisan
Contact Information:*	<p>May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address:</p> <p>Phone number: 401-625-6711</p> <p>Email: nmello@tiverton.ri.gov</p>

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Comment

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Judge of Probate should be non-partisan.
Only position in Charter that is partisan.

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Describe the effect of the Requested Change	
(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section	

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