

Tiverton Charter Review Commission

ID #91

Proposal Request and Comment Form

Date: October 16, 2017	Name: Jerry Larkin for Tiverton School Committee
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:
Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	School Committee Officer Elections
Contact Information:*	<p>May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address: 232 Stone Hollow Road</p> <p>Phone number: 401-439-2370</p> <p>Email: JLarkin@Tivertonschools.org</p>

Note:

Please return form to Richard Rom, Secretary by e-mail to TivertonCRC@cox.net or by mail or other delivery to:

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 Attention: Richard Rom, Secretary
 c/o Tiverton Town Clerk
 343 Highland Road
 Tiverton, Rhode Island 02878

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Proposal Request

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>Change From: "The School Committee shall annually elect a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and such other officers as they deem appropriate." Change To: "The School Committee shall elect a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Clerk and other officers as they deem appropriate, after each Town Election, or more frequently, in the event of an officer vacancy or if agreed upon by a majority vote of its members, for any reason."</p>
<p>Describe why the Requested Change is needed</p>	<p>Add Clerk (required by state law) and better describe situations where School Committee officer elections might be needed.</p>
<p>Describe the effect of the Requested Change</p>	<p>None – Clearer wording only.</p>
<p>(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section</p>	<p>1101 – School Committee.</p>

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Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	School Committee Vacancies
Contact Information:*	<p>May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address: 232 Stone Hollow Road</p> <p>Phone number: 401-439-2370</p> <p>Email: JLarkin@Tivertonschools.org</p>

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<p>Change Requested</p>	<p>Change From: "The Town Council shall appoint a person to fill the vacated position for a period not to exceed six (6) months or the next Town Election, whichever comes first." Change To: "In the event of a vacancy, for any reason, The Town Council shall appoint a person to fill a vacated position until the next Town Election."</p>
<p>Describe why the Requested Change is needed</p>	<p>Clarifies reference to any vacancy reason as well as eliminates the need to hold special elections for this purpose.</p>
<p>Describe the effect of the Requested Change</p>	<p>The change will save the town from incurring expenses in the future associated with a special election to fill a board vacancy.</p>
<p>(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section</p>	<p>1101 – School Committee.</p>

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Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Use of voluntary labor
Contact Information:*	<p>May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address: 232 Stone Hollow Road</p> <p>Phone number: 401-439-2370</p> <p>Email: JLarkin@Tivertonschools.org</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>Change From: "No officer or employee of the Town, including the School Department, shall use, or cause to be used, Town property, goods, money, grants, or labor to influence the outcome of an election, ballot question, or referendum; the foregoing shall not prohibit the distribution or publication of election, ballot question, or referendum information by the Town Clerk, the Board of Canvassers, or a Charter Review Commission." Add Sentence: "Town or School officers or employees may however, advocate for elections, ballot questions or referendum, unless, in the case of employees, when they are on duty for the town, or in the case of elected officials, when they are participating in public meetings or otherwise performing the duties of their office."</p>
<p>Describe why the Requested Change is needed</p>	<p>This will give town employees and elected officials the freedom to advocate for their budgets provided that no town resources are used.</p>
<p>Describe the effect of the Requested Change</p>	<p>Not clear – language change.</p>
<p>(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section</p>	<p>1218 – Use of Town Resources to Influence a Voting Contest.</p>

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Date: 12/5/17	Name: Donna Cook
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: Charter Review Commissioner
Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Town Council 2 year staggered terms
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:</p>

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<p>Change Requested</p>	<p>Issue for consideration:</p> <p>Language to ensure that the non-partisan Town Council shall consist of seven (7) members each of whom shall be elected at large for a term of two (2) years, so staggered, that no more than four (4) terms expire at any one time. (Similar to the Budget Committee)</p>
<p>Describe why the Requested Change is needed</p>	<p>Reason for change:</p> <p>Allows for less turnover and stability.</p>
<p>Describe the effect of the Requested Change</p>	<p>There would always be more experienced councilors on the council.</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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