

Advisory:

Two questions on the ballot pertain to the Newtown charter. The two questions are independent and the outcome of one does not impact the outcome of the other. Each question can pass even if the other fails.

Question Nos 1:

Approval of question #1 limits the number of members of any one political party who may serve on the 7-member Board of Education to 4. Currently, a maximum of 5 members from the same political party is permitted.

Question Nos 2:

Approval of Question #2 accepts the rest of proposed changes in their entirety, comprised of organizational, non-substantive, and substantive changes made to the document including but not limited to:

a) Government Bodies: 7 Commissions, 3 Authorities and 1 Board added to Charter; all currently in existence. It gives all town bodies a consistent method for filling of vacancies.

b) Town Meetings: Town Meetings are eliminated.

c) Appropriations: Appropriation authority of the Legislative Council changed from \$500,000 to \$1,500,000; Capital expenditures in excess of \$1,500,000 are included on annual budget referendum ballot.

d) It rewords the advisory question set forth in the current Charter.

changes to what is included in the town-wide budget referendum, changes to the budget process, the process the town uses to dispose of property, and the elimination of town meetings. If the charter revision (question 2) passes, the new charter in its entirety will replace the existing charter (with the exception of the one change that is being voted on independently).

David's Text:

The proposed charter is revised to be readable, user-friendly and accurate. The document was reorganized and a number of non-substantive, clarifying changes were made. In addition, several significant modifications to the existing charter were made, including the elimination of town meetings

additions to what is voted on in the town budget referendum. There are two questions pertaining to the Charter Revision on the ballot. voters to weigh in on the rest of the changes proposed in their entirety. If the charter revision (question 2) passes, the new charter in its entirety will replace the existing charter, (with the exception of the one change that is being voted on independently.) The two questions are independent and the outcome of one does not impact the outcome of the other