

This document contains a brief explanation of the proposed Charter changes listed in Chart 1 on file at the Town Clerk's office, as well on the website.

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The proposed changes to the Charter summarized in Chart 1 include all changes deemed editorial. They include but are not limited to: capitalization, punctuation, word order, repair of scrivener's errors, and spelling. The most notable change recommended is the formatting of the document such that the presentation of the material is in numerical and/or paragraph format. The recommendation reformats all sections to be clear, concise, and readable. The formatting replaces previous formatting of paragraphs and sections of the document which were difficult to read and comprehend.

Another change is the updating of The Table of Contents and Brief Summary of Articles, neither of which were ever updated to include changes in the Charter since 1977. Technically this is not a part of the Charter, but reference documents.

A further noticeable change is the creation of Appendices which contain the history of the adoption of the Charter including the original reports and Town Meeting Votes to adopt the Charter in 1977. There is also an appendix of the changes to the Charter since inception, in order by Article numbers. These documents are not technically part of the Charter, but reference documents.