

# SPECIMEN BALLOT

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**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
WAREHAM, MASSACHUSETTS  
MAY 7, 2024**

*Lisa J. Johnson*  
TOWN CLERK

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS**

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name and address on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

<p><b>SELECT BOARD</b> Three Year Term      Vote for ONE</p> <p><b>BRENDA S. ECKSTROM</b>      <input type="radio"/> 64 Wychunas Avenue</p> <p><b>SHERRY A. QUIRK</b>      <input type="radio"/> 65 Arlington Road</p> <p>(Write-in)      <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>DEPUTY MODERATOR</b> Three Year Term      Vote for ONE</p> <p><b>CLAIRE L. SMITH</b>      <input type="radio"/> 1 Old Plate Drive</p> <p>(Write-in)      <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>SEWER USER COMMISSIONER</b> Three Year Term      Vote for ONE</p> <p><b>SANDRA L. SLAVIN</b>      <input type="radio"/> 36 Oak Street      Candidate for re-election</p> <p><b>BRENDA S. ECKSTROM</b>      <input type="radio"/> 64 Wychunas Avenue</p> <p>(Write-in)      <input type="radio"/></p>
<p><b>SELECT BOARD</b> Two Year Unexpired Term      Vote for ONE</p> <p><b>SARAH CORBITT</b>      <input type="radio"/> 4 Jonathan Lane</p> <p><b>JARED E. FREDRICKSON</b>      <input type="radio"/> 12 Morse Avenue</p> <p><b>DENEEN M. ROSE</b>      <input type="radio"/> 3 Fourteenth Avenue</p> <p><b>RUSSELL R. KRIEHN</b>      <input type="radio"/> 24 Old Glen Charlie Road</p> <p>(Write-in)      <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>BOARD OF ASSESSOR</b> Three Year Term      Vote for TWO</p> <p><b>STEVEN F. CURRY</b>      <input type="radio"/> 4 Rose Point Avenue      Candidate for re-election</p> <p><b>JOHN T. DONAHUE</b>      <input type="radio"/> 5 Datewood Street      Candidate for re-election</p> <p><b>BRENDA S. ECKSTROM</b>      <input type="radio"/> 64 Wychunas Avenue</p> <p>(Write-in)      <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)      <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>HOUSING AUTHORITY</b> Five Year Term      Vote for ONE</p> <p><b>DENNIS P. PRAINO</b>      <input type="radio"/> 37 Marine Avenue      Candidate for re-election</p> <p>(Write-in)      <input type="radio"/></p>
<p><b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b> Three Year Term      Vote for TWO</p> <p><b>APRYL M. ROSSI</b>      <input type="radio"/> 815 Main Street 8B      Candidate for re-election</p> <p><b>GEOFFREY W. SWETT</b>      <input type="radio"/> 204 Cromesett Road      Candidate for re-election</p> <p><b>BRENDA S. ECKSTROM</b>      <input type="radio"/> 64 Wychunas Avenue</p> <p>(Write-in)      <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in)      <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>NON SEWER USER COMMISSIONER</b> Three Year Term      Vote for ONE</p> <p><b>JAMES R. GIBERTI</b>      <input type="radio"/> 17 Bayberry Road</p> <p>(Write-in)      <input type="radio"/></p>	<p><b>HOUSING AUTHORITY</b> One Year Unexpired Term      Vote for ONE</p> <p><b>JAMES M. MUNISE</b>      <input type="radio"/> 2526 Cranberry Hwy</p> <p><b>WILLIAM SYLVIA JR.</b>      <input type="radio"/> 59 Minot Avenue C</p> <p>(Write-in)      <input type="radio"/></p>

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## BALLOT QUESTION

*"Shall the revised Wareham Charter become effective as provided in Chapter 435 of the Acts of 2022 by acceptance of the voters at the Annual Town Election?"*

Explanation:

The Wareham Charter is the town's governing document. Revisions to the Charter were approved as Article 22 and Article 23 at the June 12, 2021 Annual Spring Town Meeting. These revisions needed the approval of the Massachusetts Legislature, which approval was given by the Legislature's enactment of Chapter 435 of the Acts of 2022. Governor Baker signed the document on January 5, 2023. Chapter 435 of the Acts of 2022 provides that the Charter revisions will not become effective until acceptance by the voters by a vote on a ballot question.

A "Yes" vote on the ballot question is a vote in favor of authorizing the Charter revisions. A "No" vote on the ballot question is a vote against authorizing the Charter revisions.

The Charter revisions fall into two categories. The first category consists of formatting, grammatical and typographical changes. The second category consists of substantive changes including but not limited to:

1. Changing the membership of the Capital Planning Committee by substituting the Town Finance Director as a member instead of the Town Accountant.
2. Clarifying that the Sewer Commissioners are now elected officers.
3. Making the Town Clerk a position appointed by the Town Administrator.
4. Clarifying that the Sewer Superintendent is appointed by the Town Administrator.
5. Clarifying the process for removing a Town Administrator.
6. Adding language for a regular Charter review.
7. Adding definitions of terms used in the Charter.

YES

NO

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