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Legal Notice

The Ellington Board of Selectmen accepted the final report of the Charter Revision Commission and submits the following questions for vote at the General Election on November 6, 2007.

1. SHALL THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION BE APPOINTED RATHER THAN BE ELECTED?
2. SHALL THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS BE APPOINTED RATHER THAN BE ELECTED?
3. SHALL THE PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION CONSIST OF 7 REGULAR AND 2 ALTERNATE MEMBERS RATHER THAN THE PRESENT 6 REGULAR MEMBERS AND 3 ALTERNATE MEMBERS?
4. SHALL THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS CONSIST OF 5 REGULAR AND 3 ALTERNATE MEMBERS RATHER THAN THE PRESENT 6 REGULAR MEMBERS AND 3 ALTERNATE MEMBERS?
5. SHALL A SHARED SERVICES COMMISSION BE ESTABLISHED FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDING AREAS WHERE THE SHARING OF SUPPORT SERVICES BETWEEN THE TOWN AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF TOWN RESIDENTS BY INCREASING EFFICIENCY AND REDUCING COSTS?
6. SHALL THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN ANNUALLY REVIEW AND MODIFY GOALS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS?
7. IF THE VOTE ON THE ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET IS ADJOURNED TO A REFERENDUM, SHALL ALL FURTHER VOTES ON THE ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET BE BY REFERENDUM EVERY OTHER WEEK UNTIL FINAL APPROVAL IS GIVEN?
8. SHALL SPECIFIED FINANCIAL LIMITS BE INCREASED TO RECOGNIZE INFLATION?
9. SHALL PURCHASES THAT EXCEED \$1,000,000 REQUIRE A REFERENDUM VOTE?
10. MAY NON-ELECTORS BE APPOINTED TO AD HOC COMMITTEES?
11. SHALL A SENIOR CENTER ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE AND FLOOD AND EROSION CONTROL BOARD BE ESTABLISHED IN THE CHARTER?
12. SHALL AN ETHICS COMMISSION BE ESTABLISHED IN THE CHARTER?

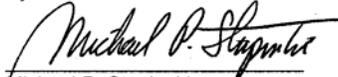
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13. SHALL SECTION 918 FIRE DEPARTMENT AND SECTION 920 AMBULANCE SERVICE BE REPEALED AND REPLACED WITH A NEW SECTION ENTITLED EMERGENCY SERVICES?
14. SHALL THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE SEPARATE VOTES ON THE TOWN'S OPERATING BUDGET AND THE TOWN'S EDUCATION BUDGET AFTER THE COMBINED BUDGET HAS FAILED TO BE ADOPTED AT LEAST ONCE?
15. SHALL ALL GRANTS THAT HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO IMPOSE ANY FINANCIAL BURDEN ON THE TOWN BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE BOARD OF FINANCE PRIOR TO ACCEPTANCE?
16. SHALL TECHNICAL CHANGES BE MADE TO THE CHARTER TO COMPLY WITH STATE STATUTES AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS AND TO CLARIFY AMBIGUITIES AND FORMAT?

Charter amendments approved on November 6, 2007 shall take effect on January 1, 2008 except that any person who was elected shall be entitled to complete his or her elected term even if the board to which he or she was elected has been reduced in number or changed to an appointed position. Appointment shall be made pursuant to this charter to transition to staggered terms as soon as possible as vacancies occur in elected terms or expire.

These questions summarize the proposed changes. Copies of the Town Charter and a full description of the changes are available in the Town Clerk's Office, the First Selectman's Office and online at www.ellington-ct.gov.

By order of the Board of Selectmen:



Michael P. Stupinski
First Selectman

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