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Introduced by Representatives Bohi of Hartford, Clerkin of Hartford and
Mitchell of Barnard

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Municipal government; municipal charters; town of Hartford

Statement of purpose: This bill proposes to approve and codify the charter of
the town of Hartford.

An act relating to approval of the charter of the Town of Hartford

It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

Sec. 1. CHARTER APPROVAL

The general assembly approves the adoption of the charter of the town of
Hartford as provided in this act. The charter was approved by the voters on
November 4, 2008.

Sec. 2. 24 V.S.A. App. chapter 123A is added to read:

CHAPTER 123A. TOWN OF HARTFORD

§ 101. INCORPORATED

The inhabitants of the town of Hartford, including the villages of Hartford,
West Hartford, Quechee, Wilder, and White River Junction, are a corporate
and political body under the name of “town of Hartford” (herein called “the

1 town”). As such, inhabitants enjoy all rights, immunities, powers, and
2 privileges and are subject to all the duties and liabilities now appertaining to or
3 incumbent upon them as a municipal corporation. The Hartford school district
4 (herein called “the school district”) shall enjoy all rights, immunities, powers,
5 and privileges is are subject to all the duties and liabilities now appertaining to
6 or incumbent upon it as a state school district.

7 § 102. GENERAL POWERS

8 (a) All provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Vermont
9 relating to towns, villages and school districts shall apply to the town and the
10 school district, except as otherwise provided by this chapter.

11 (b) The town and school district shall have all the powers and functions
12 conferred upon towns and school districts by the Constitution and Laws of the
13 State of Vermont and shall also have all implied powers necessary to
14 implement those powers and functions.

15 (c) The powers and functions conferred upon the town and school district
16 by this chapter shall be separate and be in addition to the powers and functions
17 conferred upon the town and school district by laws now in force or hereafter
18 enacted. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed as a limitation upon these
19 previously specified powers and functions.

20 (d) The town or school district may acquire real property for any town or
21 school district purpose, in fee simple or lesser interest or estate, by purchase,

1 gift, devise, or lease, and may sell, lease, hold, manage, and control real
2 property as its interests may require. The town or school district may further
3 acquire property within its legal limits by condemnation where that authority is
4 granted to towns and school districts by state statutes. A petition for rescission
5 shall be filed within 10 days from the posting of approved selectboard or
6 school board minutes related to the property decision, and the petition shall be
7 signed by no less than 350 registered voters.

8 (e) In this charter, no mention of a particular power shall be construed to be
9 exclusive or to restrict the scope of the powers which the town or school
10 district would have if the particular power were not mentioned. The
11 selectboard and the school board shall operate as separate and independent
12 entities. Nothing in this chapter shall be interpreted as allowing either one to
13 inhibit or infringe upon the rights, powers, or privileges of the other.

14 § 103. PARTICULAR POWERS

15 (a) In addition to powers otherwise conferred upon it by law, the town is,
16 for the purpose of promoting the public health, safety, welfare, and
17 convenience, authorized to:

18 (1) Adopt and enforce policies relating to the making and installation of
19 local improvements, including curbs, sidewalks, and storm drains in a manner
20 specified by the town as a condition precedent to the issuance of a building
21 permit.

1 (2) Adopt and enforce policies regulating the parking, operation, and
2 speed of motor vehicles upon town and Vermont state aid streets and
3 highways.

4 (3) Adopt and enforce policies relating to: regulations, licensing, or
5 prohibition of the storage and accumulation of garbage, ashes, rubbish, refuse,
6 and waste materials; the regulation of the removal and disposal of those
7 materials; licensing for revenue and regulation or prohibition of the collection,
8 removal, and disposal of those materials; the collection and removal of those
9 materials by the town either by contract or by a town officer or department
10 now existing or created for that purpose; and the establishment of service rates
11 to be paid to the town for those services.

12 (4) Establish and maintain a police department and adopt policies
13 pertaining to that department.

14 (5) Establish and maintain a fire department and adopt policies
15 pertaining to that department.

16 (6) Establish and maintain an ambulance service and adopt policies
17 pertaining to that service.

18 (7) Establish and maintain a water department financed by an enterprise
19 fund and adopt policies pertaining to that department.

20 (8) Establish and maintain a wastewater department financed by an
21 enterprise fund and adopt policies pertaining to that department.

1 (9) Establish and maintain a highway department and adopt policies
2 pertaining to that department.

3 (10) Regulate the moving of buildings in the streets or public highways
4 of the town.

5 (11) Regulate the holding of public meetings in the streets, highways, or
6 on public property of the town.

7 (12) Regulate riots, noises, disturbances, and disorderly assembly and
8 adopt pertinent policies.

9 (13) Establish and maintain control of domestic animals within the town
10 and adopt pertinent policies.

11 (14) Establish and maintain a financial services department.

12 (15) Establish and maintain a planning and development department.

13 (16) Establish and maintain a park and recreation department.

14 (17) Establish and maintain any other proper and lawful town
15 departments or services as deemed necessary, including the establishment of
16 enterprise funds.

17 § 201. TOWN MEETING

18 (a) Town operational and school district meeting. All governmental
19 authority for the town of Hartford and the Hartford school district ultimately
20 rests with voters within the boundaries of the town who exercise their duty and
21 power at town meeting and Australian ballot election. In this tradition, the

1 Hartford annual town meeting will combine town operational and school
2 district warnings, meetings, and elections into a single entity.

3 (b) Standing town/school district meeting committee. Responsibility for
4 organization, (including comfort, presentation, publicity, program,
5 refreshments, entertainment), budget discussion/candidates night meeting and
6 town/school district meeting, other than as stated in this chapter and state
7 statute, shall rest with a committee of five registered voters of the town.

8 Appointing authority by: Town Clerk—one for two years; Selectboard—one for
9 two years, one for three years; School District—one for two years, one for three
10 years. The appointing authority may work with the committee but may not self
11 appoint.

12 (c) The method for identification and designation of eligible voters in the
13 town and school district shall be established by the board of civil authority.

14 (d) Polling places. Locations of annual or special town or school district
15 meetings for the purpose of election of officers and voting all questions to be
16 decided by Australian ballot shall be established by the board of civil authority.

17 (e) Meetings, dates, times, votes, ballots:

18 (1) Budget discussion/candidates night meeting. On the last Monday
19 night in February at 7:00 p.m. at a place determined by the town and school
20 district meeting committee, a town and school district budget discussion and
21 candidates night meeting shall be called for the purpose of:

1 (A) explanation and citizen comment upon town and school district
2 budgets;

3 (B) introduction of candidates, presentation by candidates, and
4 opportunity for citizen questioning of candidates;

5 (C) any other appropriate informational matters or discussion of
6 articles to be voted on by Australian ballot.

7 (2) Australian ballot/election day. Australian ballot/election day shall
8 be the first Tuesday after the 1st Monday in March, at which time any
9 business, budgets, and candidate election involving Australian ballots will be
10 transacted beginning at 7 a. m. until closing at 7 p.m. The town operational
11 budget as warned by the selectboard and the school district budget as warned
12 by the school district shall be submitted to the electorate at this town election.
13 A majority vote shall be the majority of votes cast in this election. Under this
14 subdivision:

15 (A) The time and place of a recount or a new vote (other than town
16 and school district budgets) shall be determined by the board of civil authority
17 preceded by warning notice and public hearing. A tie vote for town and school
18 district budgets (interpreted as a “no” vote by Robert’s Rules of Order, Newly
19 Revised) shall be determined pursuant to subdivision (3) of this subsection.

20 (B) Absentee ballots shall be available 30 days prior to the election
21 and may be mailed to a voter, hand carried by voter, or the voter may vote in

1 the town clerk's office. A team of two board of civil authority members from
2 different political parties may take a ballot to a voter in the voter's home or
3 health care facility if he or she needs assistance voting. Ballots shall be
4 returned to the town clerk by the close of polls on election day and counted
5 along with all other ballots.

6 (3) Annual town/school district meeting. The annual town and school
7 district meeting shall be called for the first Monday night four full weeks after
8 Australian ballot/election day held under subdivision (2) of this subsection. If
9 the town or school district budget fails in the Australian ballot, deciding votes
10 at the annual town and school district meeting shall be according to Robert's
11 Rules of Order, Newly Revised and state statute. In addition to budget votes,
12 the town and school district meeting shall consider:

13 (A) the state of the town and of the school district;

14 (B) long-range planning, capital improvement projections;

15 (C) other business not determined at Australian ballot election.

16 (f) Special town and school district meeting. A special town or school
17 district meeting may be called at any time by a majority of the applicable
18 board, by the decree of the town clerk upon receipt of a petition signed by no
19 less than 350 registered voters. A special town or school district meeting,
20 called within 30 days of receipt of the filed petition, shall be held within 30

1 days from the date of the official call to meeting and warned 10 days prior to
2 the meeting.

3 (g) Warnings. Warnings for town or school district meetings shall be
4 posted on the town or school district websites, printed in area newspapers, and
5 posted in at least 12 public places in the town at least 40 or not less than 30
6 days before town meeting. The warning shall be signed and recorded by the
7 town clerk before it is posted. Budgets and other applicable reports shall be
8 available not later than 10 days prior to the budget informational meeting as
9 established under subdivision (e)(1) of this section.

10 (h) Presiding officials:

11 (1) A moderator shall preside at town and school district budget
12 discussion and candidates night meetings, annual town and school district
13 meeting, and special town or school district meetings. In the moderator's
14 absence, the town clerk shall call the meeting to order and the first order of
15 business shall be the election of a moderator pro tempore to preside for the
16 duration of meeting.

17 (2) Town and school district meetings shall be conducted in accordance
18 with state statute, this chapter, and Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.

19 (3) The town clerk shall be the presiding official at all Australian ballot
20 elections and, in cooperation with the board of civil authority, shall ensure that
21 all laws related to elections are faithfully observed.

1 (4) In the absence or a disability of the town clerk, should it occur
2 before an election, the board of civil authority shall designate an acting clerk
3 for the duration of the election. Should the absence or disability occur on
4 election day, the board of civil authority shall designate an on-site temporary
5 officer to preside for the duration of the election.

6 § 202. ELECTED OFFICERS

7 (a) Local elected offices to be filled by the voters of the town shall be only
8 those articulated by this chapter.

9 (b) Terms for elected officers shall begin officially when the town clerk
10 certifies election returns as final and the elected candidates take their oath of
11 allegiance and oath of office as prescribed by state statute.

12 (c) All officers elected prior to the effective date of this chapter shall
13 remain in office until the end of their terms. Those persons in office as of the
14 effective date of this chapter whose terms would otherwise expire prior to the
15 next annual meeting shall remain in office until that meeting.

16 (d) Qualifications for serving in elected office:

17 (1) shall be a resident of the town;

18 (2) shall be a registered voter in the town;

19 (3) shall hold no other elected town or school district office, with the
20 exception of town moderator who may be the town operational and school
21 district moderator;

1 (4) shall not be a town or school district employee.

2 (e) The elected officers of the town shall be:

3 (1) seven selectboard members, elected as set forth in section 203 of this
4 chapter:

5 (2) one moderator, elected for a one-year term;

6 (3) one town clerk, elected for a three-year term;

7 (4) three listers, one elected each year for three years;

8 (5) five town library trustees, one elected each year for five years;

9 (6) all others as set forth in this chapter or state statute.

10 (f) The elected officers of the school district shall be:

11 (1) one moderator, elected for a one-year term;

12 (2) five school board members, elected in accordance with state statute.

13 (g) The elected board of civil authority shall consist of 15 justices of the
14 peace, elected every two years in accordance with state statute at November
15 elections. The town clerk shall be the clerk of the board of civil authority. The
16 duties performed by the board of civil authority shall be in accordance with
17 state statute.

18 (h) Compensation for elected officers of the town and school district shall
19 be determined by vote at the annual town and school district meeting as a
20 separate item in the annual town and school district budgets.

1 § 203. DUTIES OF ELECTED OFFICERS

2 (a) Selectboard.

3 (1) Terms of office:

4 (A) There shall be a selectboard consisting of seven members.

5 (B) Terms of office shall be as follows:

6 (i) Four members shall serve for three years;

7 (ii) Three members shall serve for two years.

8 (C) Members shall serve until successors are elected and qualified.

9 (D) Members shall be elected at large.

10 (E) In the event of a death, resignation, change of residence to a
11 location outside the town, or incapacity of any selectboard member, the
12 remaining members may appoint a person eligible to fill that position until the
13 next annual or special town meeting. If the selectboard is unable to agree upon
14 an interim replacement until the next annual town meeting, a special election
15 shall be held forthwith to fill the position.

16 (i) Incapacity shall include the failure by any member of the
17 selectboard to attend at least 70 percent of the meetings in any 12-month
18 period or missing three consecutive meetings without the consent of the
19 selectboard.

20 (ii) In the event of two or more vacancies, an election shall be held
21 forthwith to fill all vacant positions.

1 (2) Organization.

2 (A) Forthwith after the election and qualification of the members, the
3 selectboard shall organize and elect a chair, vice chair, and clerk by a majority
4 vote of the board and shall file a certificate of the elections for record in the
5 office of the town clerk.

6 (B) The chair of the selectboard, or in his or her absence the vice
7 chair, shall preside at all meetings of the selectboard.

8 (C) As soon as possible after the election of chair and vice chair, the
9 selectboard shall fix the time and place of its regular meetings.

10 (D) The selectboard shall determine its own rules and orders of
11 business not addressed by this chapter.

12 (E) The presence of four members shall constitute a quorum.

13 (F) All meetings of the selectboard shall be open to the public; unless
14 by an affirmative vote of a majority of members present, the selectboard shall
15 vote that any particular session shall be an executive session in accordance
16 with state statute.

17 (G) An official record of the proceedings of the selectboard shall be
18 kept by its clerk. The record shall be filed with the office of the town clerk and
19 shall be open for public inspection once draft minutes are approved by the
20 selectboard.

21 (3) Appointments.

1 (A) Before any appointments are made, the selectboard shall compile
2 and publicly post a list of all vacancies.

3 (B) The selectboard shall appoint and remove the town manager
4 pursuant to section 301 of this chapter.

5 (C) The selectboard may examine or cause to be examined, with or
6 without notice, the affairs of the town manager by having access to all tools
7 used by the town manager in performance of his or her duties, including to
8 books, papers, and wireless and electronic records, for information necessary
9 to determine the proper performance of the town manager in the performance
10 of his or her duties and responsibilities.

11 (D) Standing boards, commissions, and authorities to be appointed
12 include:

13 (i) business revolving loan fund (five appointed, three years);

14 (ii) conservation commission (seven appointed, four years);

15 (iii) design review commission (five appointed, three years);

16 (iv) energy commission (seven appointed, three years);

17 (v) Hartford housing authority (five appointed, five years);

18 (vi) historic preservation commission (five appointed, three
19 years);

20 (vii) parks and recreation commission (seven appointed, three
21 years);

- 1 (viii) planning commission (seven appointed, three years);
2 (ix) tree board (five appointed, three years);
3 (x) zoning board of adjustment (ZBA) (five appointed, three
4 years).

5 (E) The selectboard may appoint or dissolve any authorities, boards,
6 commissions, or committees, under their purview as authorized by this chapter
7 or state statute, excluding the standing town/school district meeting committee
8 established in subdivision 201(b) of this chapter.

9 (4) Powers and duties.

10 (A) General. The selectboard shall constitute the legislative body of
11 the town for all purposes required by statute except as otherwise provided in
12 this chapter, and shall have all powers and authority given to, and perform all
13 duties required of, town legislative bodies or selectboards under the laws of the
14 state of Vermont.

15 (B) Powers. The selectboard may:

16 (1) authorize the expenditure of all town monies and may:

17 (A) submit the annual operational budget to the town meeting;

18 and

19 (B) fix the compensation of all officers, appointees, and

20 municipal employees except as otherwise provided in this chapter;

1 (2) inquire into the conduct of any officer, appointee,
2 commission, or department and investigate any and all town affairs.

3 (3) exercise each and every other power which is not specifically
4 set forth in this chapter, but which is granted to the selectboard by the statutes
5 of the state of Vermont.

6 (b) The moderator:

7 (1) shall perform all duties and responsibilities prescribed by this
8 chapter and the state of Vermont;

9 (2) shall follow Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (RONR) in
10 deliberations and conduct of all meetings;

11 (3) may be the same individual who presides at town and school district
12 budget and candidates night meeting, annual town meeting, and special town
13 and school district meeting.

14 (c) Town clerk. The town clerk shall perform all duties and responsibilities
15 prescribed by this chapter and the state of Vermont.

16 (d) Listers:

17 (1) shall perform all duties and responsibilities prescribed by this
18 chapter and the state of Vermont;

19 (2) may appoint professional appraisers to help perform their duties. An
20 appraiser shall be under the direction and supervision of the elected listers and
21 shall adhere to all personnel rules and regulations of the town.

1 (e) Town library trustees. The town library trustees shall perform all duties
2 and responsibilities prescribed by this chapter and the state of Vermont.

3 (f) All others. Shall include all others as deemed necessary for the conduct
4 of town or school district business.

5 § 301. APPOINTED OFFICERS

6 (a) Town manager. The town manager shall be the chief administrative
7 officer of the town appointed by a majority of the selectboard. The town
8 manager shall be selected with special reference to training, experience,
9 education and ability to perform the executive and administrative duties of the
10 manager's office and without reference to his or her political position or
11 persuasion. The town manager shall be responsible to the selectboard for the
12 proper and efficient administration of departments under the manager's charge
13 as outlined in this chapter.

14 (1) The town manager shall be appointed for a period not to exceed
15 three years and may thereafter be appointed for successive terms of not more
16 than three years. The town manager shall not simultaneously hold any elective
17 office within the town nor be employed by the town in any capacity except as
18 specified in this chapter.

19 (2) The town manager need not be a resident of the town.

1 (3) Conditions of employment and compensation shall be determined at
2 the time of appointment, and there shall be an annual review of performance
3 and compensation by the selectboard.

4 (4) Before entering into the duties of office, the manager shall be sworn
5 to the impartial and faithful performance thereof with a certificate to that effect
6 to be filed with the town clerk.

7 (5) Removal.

8 (A) On 90 days' written notice, the manager may be removed without
9 cause by a majority of the selectboard so voting at a meeting called for the
10 purpose of voting on removal. During the 90-day period, the manager may be
11 suspended with pay.

12 (B) The selectboard may adopt a resolution stating its intention to
13 remove the manager and reasons therefore, a copy of which shall be sent to the
14 manager. The manager may, within 10 days after notice is sent, request a
15 hearing which shall be held by the selectboard not less than 10 days nor more
16 than 20 days from the date of the request, after which the selectboard may
17 dismiss the manager. If no request for a hearing is filed, the selectboard may
18 dismiss the manager immediately. During the period after the resolution of
19 intention is adopted and until the manager's dismissal, he or she may be
20 suspended with pay.

1 (C) Termination of benefits will be determined by the selectboard in
2 conjunction with legal counsel.

3 (b) Acting town manager.

4 (1) In the event the town manager shall be absent from town for a period
5 of up to two consecutive weeks, he or she may designate an acting manager
6 with selectboard approval, who shall exercise the duties of the manager. The
7 manager may overrule the actions of the acting manager.

8 (2) In the event the manager is unable to discharge his or her duties or in
9 the event the manager is suspended or placed on administrative leave, the
10 selectboard shall appoint an acting manager to serve until the manager is able
11 to assume regular duties or a new manager is appointed. The acting manager
12 appointed to fill a declared vacancy in the office shall have all powers and
13 perform all duties of the manager. An acting manager shall be reviewed within
14 180 days.

15 (3) In no case shall a serving selectboard member act as the town
16 manager.

17 § 302. DUTIES OF APPOINTED OFFICERS; TOWN MANAGER

18 Town manager.

19 (1) The manager shall be the chief executive officer of the town and
20 shall carry out policies established by the selectboard to whom the manager
21 shall report. The manager shall be responsible to the selectboard for the proper

1 and efficient administration of departments under the manager's charge as
2 outlined in this chapter.

3 (2) The manager is expected to attend all meetings of the selectboard.

4 (3) The manager shall provide to the selectboard a monthly financial
5 statement.

6 (4) The manager shall make reports as the selectboard requires or the
7 manager deems appropriate, or may be required by law or ordinance regarding
8 any and all functions under the manager's supervision.

9 (5) The manager shall prepare an annual budget, submit it to the
10 selectboard, and be responsible for its administration after adoption.

11 (6) The manager shall compile for general distribution at the end of each
12 fiscal year a complete report on the finances and administrative activities of the
13 town for the year.

14 (7) The manager or his or her designee shall be the collector of
15 delinquent taxes.

16 (8) The manager shall keep the selectboard apprised of the needs of the
17 town within the scope of the manager's duties and annually furnish to the
18 selectboard a long-range projection of capital expenditures.

19 (9) The manager shall examine or cause to be examined, with or without
20 notice, the affairs of any department under the manager's control or the
21 conduct of any officer or employee thereof. For that purpose, the manager

1 shall have access to all books, papers, and wireless and electronic records of
2 those departments for the information necessary for the proper performance of
3 his or her duties.

4 (10) The manager shall appoint, upon merit and fitness alone, and when
5 the manager deems necessary for the good of the service, suspend or remove
6 any subordinate official, employee, or agent under the manager's supervision
7 as provided for in this chapter. All appointments may be without definite
8 terms unless for provisional, temporary, or emergency service, in which case,
9 terms shall not exceed the maximum periods prescribed by personnel rules and
10 regulations. The manager may authorize the head of a department or office
11 responsible to the manager to appoint and remove subordinates in the office or
12 department.

13 (11) The manager, under policies approved by the selectboard, shall
14 have the exclusive authority to appoint, fix the salaries of, and suspend and
15 remove all officers and employees except those who are elected or who are
16 appointed by the selectboard.

17 (12) The manager shall direct and supervise the administration of all
18 departments, offices, and agencies of the town except as otherwise provided by
19 chapter or statute.

20 (13) The manager shall keep full and complete records of the manager's
21 office.

1 (14) The manager shall have oversight of buildings, properties,
2 facilities, repairs thereon, and construction by the town unless otherwise voted.

3 (15) The manager shall perform other duties which may be required by
4 the selectboard, bylaws, or ordinance consistent with this chapter.

5 (16) The manager may, when advisable and proper, delegate to town
6 subordinate officers or employees duties conferred on the manager.

7 (17) Neither the selectboard, any individual member of the board, nor
8 any of its committees or committee members shall dictate the appointment or
9 discharge of any town employee by the manager or in any manner interfere
10 with his or her exercising of judgment in the appointment and discharge of
11 employees in the town.

12 (18) The manager shall perform other duties consistent with his or her
13 office and this chapter as required by the selectboard, law, ordinance, or
14 mandate.

15 § 401. MISCELLANEOUS

16 (a) Conflict of interest. The selectboard and the school board and school
17 superintendent shall each maintain comprehensive conflict of interest policies
18 which shall apply to all town and school district employees, elected and
19 appointed officials, and committee and board members.

20 (b) Ethics – responsibilities. Any elected or appointed board, commission,
21 or authority member:

1 (1) has no legal powers unless acting at a duly warned board meeting or
2 acting for the board after it formally grants power to act on its behalf;

3 (2) shall maintain confidentiality of discussion conducted in executive
4 session and of other privileged information;

5 (3) shall use a chain of command and avoid making commitments or
6 promises that compromise the town and school district;

7 (4) shall work to further public interest, maintain public trust, be open
8 and accessible to the public at large, and maintain leadership of the highest
9 degree without regard for personal gain;

10 (c) Rights and privileges.

11 (1) Nothing in this chapter, except as otherwise specifically provided,
12 shall affect or impair rights or privileges of persons who are officers or
13 employees of the town or school district at the time of its adoption.

14 (2) Except as specifically provided by this chapter, if at the time this
15 chapter takes effect, an individual holds any elected or appointed office or
16 position which is or can be abolished by or under this chapter, he or she shall
17 continue in the office or position until the term expires.

18 (d) Severability. If any provision of this chapter is for any reason held
19 invalid, that invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions which can be
20 given effect without the invalid provision. To this end, the provisions of this
21 chapter are declared to be severable.

1 (e) Charter review.

2 (1) The selectboard and school board shall appoint a charter review
3 committee of registered voters of the town to review its charter and
4 recommend changes as the committee finds necessary or advisable for the
5 purpose of improving the operation of the town and school district.

6 (2) The charter shall be reviewed not less than three years after its initial
7 adoption and subsequently every five years unless amended by a town meeting
8 vote.

9 (3) The committee shall submit a written report of recommendations to
10 the selectboard and school board not later than one year after the appointment
11 of the committee.

12 (4) Recommendations shall be warned for a vote at the next Australian
13 ballot town meeting.

14 (5) The selectboard and school board shall provide funds for the
15 committee in their budgets for any year when a charter review committee is
16 appointed.

17 Sec. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

18 This act shall take effect upon passage.