



Town of Williamstown

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**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 17, 2022 ADJOURNED AND DISSOLVED TO JUNE 14, 2022**

**SPECIAL LEGISLATION FOR CHARTER AMENDMENT - TOWN MANAGER
RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT AND PRIOR OFFICE RESTRICTION**

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to petition the General Court for special legislation to (a) remove the requirement that the Town Manager must be a resident of the Town and/or (b) remove the prohibition preventing any current town official from being appointed the Town Manager; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court which are within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition; or take any other action in relation thereto.

The petition for special legislation shall take substantially the following form:

An Act Amending the Town of Williamstown Home Rule Charter

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 11 of the charter of the town of Williamstown, which is on file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth, as provided in section 12 of chapter 43B of the general laws, is hereby amended by striking the third sentence of said section which reads, "He need not be a resident of the town or of the commonwealth when appointed, and shall not, during the 12 months prior to his appointment, have held any elective or appointive office in the Town of Williamstown, other than the office of Assistant Town Manager, if any." .

SECTION 2. Section 11 of said charter is hereby amended by striking the fourth sentence of said section which reads, "The Town Manager shall be a resident of the town during the term of his office." and inserting in place thereof, "The Town Manager need not be a resident of the town during the term of his/her office.".

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

The Select Board recommends the adoption of this article by a vote of 4 - 1.

Proceeding: Andrew Hogeland, Chair of the Select Board moved this article and it was seconded, the Town vote to adopt article 30. There was a little discussion on this article and after a vote was taken the Moderator declared article 30 passed by majority vote.

A true copy, attest:

Nicole E. Beverly

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June 21, 2022

