

HOUSE No. 4101

By Ms. Polito of Shrewsbury, petition of Karyn E. Polito and others (by vote of the town) that the town of Westborough be authorized to make certain changes in the charter of said town. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Karyn E. Polito
Paul J. P. Loscocco

George N. Peterson, Jr.
Pamela P. Resor

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT AMENDING THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF WESTBOROUGH.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 2-2 of the charter of the town of Westbor-
2 ough, which is on file in the office of the archivist of the Common-
3 wealth, as provided in Section 12 of Chapter 43B of the General
4 Laws, is hereby amended by striking out the 2nd sentence and
5 inserting in place thereof the following sentence:—
6 The Moderator shall at the first session of each Town Meeting
7 (Special or Annual) appoint a deputy moderator to serve in the event
8 of his absence or disability provided that the Town Meeting shall
9 ratify the said appointment.

1 SECTION 2. Section 2-8 of said charter is hereby amended by
2 striking out the 2nd last sentence and inserting in place thereof the
3 following sentence:—
4 Additional copies of all warrants shall be available for distribu-
5 tion in the Office of the Town Clerk by a time prior to the date at
6 which the town meeting is to convene that is in compliance with the
7 Massachusetts General Laws.

1 SECTION 3. Section 3-2 of said charter is hereby amended by
2 striking out subsection (d) and inserting in place thereof the
3 following subsection:—

4 (d) The Board of Selectmen shall appoint for fixed terms, the
5 Town Accountant, the Animal Control Officer, the Town's represen-
6 tatives to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Board, the Treasurer-Col-
7 lector, the Constables, and the Election Officers. They shall appoint
8 for fixed overlapping terms, the members of the Board of Appeals,
9 Registrars of Voters, Conservation Commission, Recreation Com-
10 mission, Committee for Soldiers' Memorials, Council on Aging,
11 Country Club Operating Committee, Cultural Council, Emergency
12 Planning Committee, Historical Commission, Housing Partnership
13 Committee, Insurance Advisory Committee, Open Space Preserva-
14 tion Committee, and the Youth Commission. They (Board of
15 Selectmen) shall appoint a Director of Veterans' Services, a Town
16 Counsel, a Town Coordinator, a Manager of Public Works, a Fire
17 Chief and a Police Chief for indefinite terms not to exceed three (3)
18 years, and other commissions or committees special or standing, as
19 may from time to time be established by the Town Meeting with the
20 Selectmen as appointing authority, or by vote of the Board of
21 Selectmen.

1 SECTION 4. Section 3-3 of said charter is hereby amended by
2 striking out subsection (d) and inserting in place thereof the
3 following subsection:—

4 (d) The Moderator shall appoint for fixed overlapping terms
5 members of the Advisory Finance Committee, members of the Per-
6 sonnel Board, two (2) members of the Capital Expenditures Plan-
7 ning Committee and such other committees special or standing as
8 may from time to time be established with the Moderator as
9 appointing authority, such that the terms of office of as nearly an
10 equal number of members as possible shall expire in each year.

1 SECTION 5. Subsection (a) of Section 4-2 of said charter is
2 hereby amended by striking out the 1st sentence and inserting in
3 place thereof the following sentence:—

4 He/she shall appoint the Assessors, Board of Health, Building
5 Inspector, Wiring Inspector, Plumbing Inspector, and Sexual Harass-
6 ment Officer subject to the Civil Service Law where applicable.

1 SECTION 6. Section 6-6 of said charter is hereby amended by
2 striking out the last paragraph and inserting in place thereof the
3 following paragraph:—

4 The Capital Expenditures Planning Committee shall be composed
5 of the Town Treasurer-Collector; one member of the Advisory
6 Finance Committee, appointed by and from it; one member of the
7 Planning Board, appointed by and from it; one of the Selectmen,
8 appointed by and from their Board; one member of the School Com-
9 mittee, appointed by and from it; and two (2) additional members
10 appointed by the Moderator for staggered three (3) year terms.
11 Vacancies shall be filled for unexpired terms in the manner of the
12 original appointments.