In accordance with Section 7-191 the following eleven (11) proposed Charter amendment questions will be placed on the November 3, 2020 ballot for qualified Electors to cast their vote. A vote of “Yes” being a vote of approval, and a vote of “No” being a vote of disapproval. A complete copy of the Charter amendments is available in the town clerk’s office and a copy shall be mailed to any person who requests such copy. The town clerk’s office is located at 61 Echo Lake Rd., Watertown. The questions are as follows:

**Question 1**

Shall the Charter be revised to provide for an appointed Town Clerk, who shall be a Department Head? (Charter Sections - 202 a. and d.; 601 a.; new 606)

**Question 2**

Shall the Charter be amended to provide for the appointment of members of the Conservation Commission/Inland Wetlands Agency? (Charter Section - 402)

**Question 3**

Shall the Charter be amended to redefine the responsibilities of the Police Commission and to clarify the role of the Police Commission regarding civilian Complaints? (Charter Sections – 404 c. and c.3)

**Question 4**

Shall the Charter be amended to provide that the Finance Director will be appointed by the Town Manager with the consent of the Town Council? (Charter Section – 602(a))

**Question 5**

Shall the Charter be amended to update certain dollar amount limitations as follows:

a. Increasing the threshold for sealed bids to $25,000.00? (Charter Section 602(c))

b. Increasing the limit for emergency expenditures to $5,000.00? (Charter Section - 704)

c. Increasing the threshold for requiring a Town Meeting for new appropriations or appropriations from the Reserve Fund for Capital & Non-Recurring Expenditures to $50,000.00? (Charter Section - 704)

d. Increasing the threshold for requiring Town Council approval of intradepartmental transfers to $5,000.00? (Charter Section – 707(d))
Question 6

Shall the Charter be amended to redefine the role of the Public Works Department with regard to maintenance of town owned buildings, and vesting some of that role in the Finance Director and the Purchasing Agent? (Charter Sections - 603, new 707(f))

Question 7

Shall the Charter be amended to modify the timing of second and subsequent budget referenda? (Charter Section - 703)

Question 8

Shall the Charter be amended to modify which Town Officials will be bonded? (Charter Section - old 608, new 607).

Question 9

Shall the Charter be amended to revise the provisions of the Municipal Employee Retirement plan to represent current practice? (Charter Section - 801)

Question 10

Shall the Charter be amended to shorten the prohibition on former Town Council members taking positions of profit with the Town to one year to make it conform to the Ethics Ordinance? (Charter Section – 301)

Question 11

Shall the Charter be amended to replace outdated or incorrect language, to make the Charter language gender neutral to remove references to the Judge of Probate and Health Department and to make other technical corrections? (Charter Sections - 101, 201; 202 a. b. d. and e.; 203; 204; 205; 206; 207; 301, 302; 304; 305; 306; 308; 309; 311; 312; 401; 403; 404 a. e. f. and i.; 406, 406 a. 2.; 406 b. 1. and 2.; 501 a. and b.; 502; 503; 504; 601 a. b. and c.; 602 (a) and (c); 603 a.; 604; 604 f. and new g.; new 608; 701; 702; 703; 707 (d); 709; 710; 802; 901; 905)