

**AMENDMENTS TO THE BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
NOVEMBER 4, 2014
LOCAL BALLOT QUESTIONS
QUESTIONS #8-47
(Resolution of the Town Council adopted June 30, 2014)**

8. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
PENALTY FOR ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS

Shall the maximum period of imprisonment for ordinance violators be changed from one (1) year to thirty (30) days? (Amends Sec. 1-3-1 and 2-1-6)

9. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
EFFECT OF STATE LAW

Shall the reference to the effect of state law be deleted? (Deletes Sec. 1-3-11)

10. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
RHODE ISLAND CODE OF ETHICS

Shall the Charter incorporate the Rhode Island Code of Ethics? (Amends Sec. 1-4-1 and 1-4-2)

11. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
QUALIFIED ELECTORS

Shall references to electors and qualified electors be replaced with references to registered voters? (Amends Sec. 2-1-1 and 2-1-2)

12. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
COMPENSATION FOR TOWN COUNCIL MEMBERS

Shall the Committee on Appropriations recommend compensation for Town Council members to the voters at the Financial Town Meeting? (Amends Sec. 2-1-4)

13. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
INTERIM TOWN MANAGER

Shall the time period before which the Town Council or the Town Manager may designate an interim Town Manager to serve if the Town Manager is absent or unable to perform his or her duties be decreased from thirty-five (35) to twenty-one (21) days? (Amends Sec. 2-1-6(j) and 3-1-4)

14. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Shall the Town Council be required to meet nine (9) times annually rather than once per month? (Amends Sec. 2-1-9)

15. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
ELECTRONIC POSTING OF DOCUMENTS

Shall the Town Clerk be required to post electronic copies of proposed ordinances, the proposed budget, and certain other documents on the Town website? (Amends Sec. 2-2-1, 6-4-6, 7-1-3, and 7-1-4)

16. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
EXPLANATION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

Shall each ordinance other than an emergency ordinance be explained at the meeting at which it is introduced? (Amends Sec. 2-2-2)

17. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
TOWN MANAGER – RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

Shall the Town Council be permitted to waive the residency requirement for the Town Manager? (Amends Sec. 3-1-1)

18. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
POSTING OF BONDS

Shall certain Town officials no longer be required to post bonds due to insurance coverage? (Deletes Sec. 5-1-4, 6-1-4(i), 10-1-10, and 16-2-7)

19. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
APPROVAL OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUDGETS AND REVISIONS

Shall the Town Manager no longer be required to automatically approve the School Committee's budgets and revisions? (Amends Sec. 6-2-2)

20. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
REALLOCATION OF UNEXPENDED BALANCES

Shall the Town Council be permitted to reallocate unexpended balances to different line items within the budget? (Amends Sec. 6-2-3)

21. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
APPROPRIATIONS

Shall funds from the current year's appropriations which are deposited into a capital reserve account be considered an expenditure of the general fund within that fiscal year? (Amends Sec. 6-2-5)

22. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
PROPOSED BUDGET

Shall the Town Manager no longer be required to include certain figures submitted by the School Committee in his or her budget proposal to the Town Council and Committee on Appropriations? (Amends Sec. 6-4-2)

23. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
SCHOOL COMMITTEE – DEADLINE FOR PROPOSED BUDGET

Shall the deadline for the School Committee to submit its proposed budget be changed from the second Thursday in March to the first Monday in March? (Amends Sec. 6-4-4)

24. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING – QUORUM

Shall the number of voters required for a quorum at a Financial Town Meeting be increased from thirty-five (35) to one hundred (100)? (Amends Sec. 7-1-6)

25. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
TOWN MODERATOR

Shall the duties of the Town Moderator be enunciated more clearly? (Amends Sec. 7-1-8)

26. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING – DISORDERLY CONDUCT

Shall the maximum fine for disorderly conduct at a Financial Town Meeting be increased from twenty dollars (\$20.00) to one hundred dollars (\$100)? (Amends Sec. 7-1-9)

27. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING – MAJORITY REQUIRED FOR ACTION

Shall a majority be required for action at Financial Town Meetings, except where otherwise provided in the Charter? (Amends Sec. 7-1-11)

28. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
FINANCIAL TOWN MEETING – MOTIONS TO MODIFY APPROPRIATIONS

Shall motions to increase or decrease appropriations at a Financial Town Meeting be limited to \$50,000 or twenty percent (20%) of a particular line item, whichever is less? (Amends Sec. 7-1-15)

29. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS – NOMINATION AND ELECTION

Shall the procedure for nomination and election of members to the Committee on Appropriations be clarified and provide for staggered two-year terms? (Amends Sec. 7-2-3)

30. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS – SUBMISSION OF APPROVED BUDGET

Shall the Committee on Appropriations be required to submit the approved detailed budget to certain town officials after the annual Financial Town Meeting? (Amends Sec. 7-2-7)

31. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Shall certain powers and duties be transferred from the Department of Public Works to the Building Official and Building Inspector? (Amends Sec. 8-1-2 and 8-2-1)

32. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
SCHOOL COMMITTEE – SALARIES OF MEMBERS

Shall members of the School Committee receive annual salaries as approved by the Financial Town Meeting? (Amends Sec. 9-1-4)

33. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
SCHOOL COMMITTEE – MEETINGS

Shall School Committee meetings, except where in executive session, be open and accessible to the public? (Amends Sec. 9-2-3)

34. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
SCHOOL COMMITTEE – PERFORMANCE REVIEW OF SUPERINTENDENT

Shall the deadline for the School Committee to complete an annual performance review of the Superintendent of Schools be changed from March 1 to July 1? (Amends Sec. 9-2-4)

35. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
SCHOOL COMMITTEE – SUBMISSION OF BUDGET

Shall the School Committee submit its budget directly to the Committee on Appropriations? (Amends Sec. 9-2-8)

36. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PROPERTY

Shall the cost of maintenance of school buildings, grounds, and motor vehicles be based on the expenses incurred in the prior year? (Amends Sec. 9-2-9)

37. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
REDUCTIONS OF POLICE FORCE OR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Shall the “last in, first out” rule no longer apply for future reductions of the police force or fire department? (Amends Sec. 10-1-11 and 10-2-7)

38. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Shall emergency medical services be specified as among those services provided to the Town’s residents? (Amends Sec. 10-2-1)

39. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW – MEMBERS

Shall members of the Board of Assessment Review be appointed without regard to their partisan affiliation? (Amends Sec. 13-2-1)

40. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW – POWERS AND DUTIES

Shall the powers and duties of the Board of Assessment Review be clarified by adding the term “alleged” to erroneous property valuations? (Amends Sec. 13-2-2)

41. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
TOWN SOLICITOR

Shall the Town Council be required to issue Requests for Proposals for the Town Solicitor at least every five (5) years commencing in January 2015? (Amends Sec. 14-1-1)

42. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
PROBATE COURT – SALARIES FOR JUDGE AND CLERK

Shall the salaries appropriated at the Annual Financial Town Meeting for the Judge and Clerk of the Probate Court be in lieu of all fees accruing to those officials? (Amends Sec. 15-1-3)

43. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
COMMISSION OF CEMETERIES AND BURIAL GROUNDS

Shall the procedures for appointment to the Commission of Cemeteries and Burial Grounds be revised, and shall the Commission be increased from three (3) to five (5) members? (Amends Sec. 16-1-1)

44. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS

Shall the Charter explicitly reference the Rhode Island Access to Public Records Act? (Amends Sec. 16-2-2)

45. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
OFFICERS PERSONALLY INTERESTED IN TOWN CONTRACTS

Shall the reference to prohibiting officers and employees from making or profiting from contracts with the Town be stricken as redundant with the Rhode Island Code of Ethics? (Deletes Sec. 16-2-4)

46. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
CHARTER AMENDMENTS – EFFECTIVE DATE

Shall amendments to this Charter become effective upon approval? (Amends Sec. 17-1-1)

47. AMENDMENT TO BARRINGTON HOME RULE CHARTER
TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS

Shall various grammatical errors and archaic language throughout the Charter be corrected and updated, and shall statutory and other references be added as necessary? (Amends various sections)