

Charter Review Questions

The Charter Review Commission would appreciate your response to any or all of the questions below. Please feel free to use additional pages to expand your answers. Thank you for your time.

1. What is your position in Town government?
2. Does the Town Charter affect your role in Town government?
3. What changes do you foresee in the coming years for the position you hold?
4. From your perspective as a Town employee, do you feel the Town is functioning well, physically and financially? Why or why not?
5. How well do you feel the Town's form of Council/Manager government is working?
6. Do you feel that more or less administrative power should be placed in the hands of department heads, or Boards, Committees and Commissions?
7. What changes to the charter, if any, do you think would improve the working relationships among the Town Council, the Town Manager, Town employees, Boards, Committees and Commissions?
8. What do you perceive to be the greatest threat/challenge facing the Town in the next ten to twenty years? Is the Town prepared to deal with this? How can the charter be modified to address this challenge?

9. Do you feel it would be desirable for the Town to have more local control over certain issues? If so, what steps should be taken to achieve such control?

10. Are there changes to the Town charter that you wish to see?

11. Do you have any opinion or comments on the following issues, which have been raised in preliminary discussions with the Charter Review Commission? (i.e. Recall of elected officials, term limits, four year Town Council terms, staggered Town Council terms, non-partisan Town Council elections, all Council members voted for at large, Director of Public Works, town employees as elected officials, First Warden as a full-time paid position, fire district, eminent domain, port authority or a professional tax assessor)

12. Would you like to meet with the Charter Review Commission?

Signature

Position

Please return this questionnaire to Millie McGinnes at the Town Clerk's Office, PO
Box 220, Block Island, RI 02807