

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NORTH KINGSTOWN CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE North Kingstown Charter Review Commission will conduct a Public Hearing at the North Kingstown Beechwood House Senior Center, 44 Beach Street, at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 2, 2010, for the purpose of discussing the following proposed amendments to the Town Charter

Strikethroughs are deletions and underscores are additions

Sec. 313. Acceptance of gifts.

The council is authorized to accept gifts of any property, real or personal, on behalf of the town if the council deems it for the best interests of the town, and all monies given for a particular purpose and accepted on behalf of the town by the council, may, by resolution, be deposited to the general fund and be appropriated for such purpose by the council without the necessity of being included in the annual budget. Gifts having a value of less than one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) may be accepted without town council action.

Sec. 316. Special referendum.

Whenever the town council by resolution or whenever ten (10) percent of the electors of the town qualified to vote on a proposition for the expenditure of money shall make a request in writing for the calling of a special referendum and direct the same to the town clerk; the town clerk shall cause the proposition to be submitted to the qualified electors for their approval or rejection within ~~forty-five (45)~~ ninety (90) days of said resolution or request.

Sec. 821. Qualification of Boards and Commission Members.

Board and Commission members shall generally be qualified electors of the town; provided, however, that the town council may appoint non-electors who have specific expertise or local business interest. If a board or commission member shall cease to possess any of these qualifications, or shall have been convicted or plead nolo contendere to a felony or shall have been convicted or plead nolo contendere to a misdemeanor resulting in a jail sentence of six (6) months or more either suspended or to be served his or her office shall immediately become vacant.

Sec. 1010. Budget referendum.

The town clerk shall cause a referendum by ballot to be held on the first Tuesday following the first Saturday in June, on all budget changes requested on petitions submitted pursuant to section 1009 hereof, provided that each such petition shall contain signatures of no less than ~~three hundred (300)~~ 3% of the qualified electors of the town as determined at the previous general election and shall request an increase or decrease of a sum of at least \$100,000.

Sec. 1008. Final approval of budget.

The council shall, on or before the first Wednesday in May, complete its consideration of any petitions it shall have received pursuant to section 1007, make any final changes in the budget it may deem advisable, and give final approval to said budget by a vote of a majority of all the

members of the council. Following such approval, the town clerk shall cause sufficient copies of the budget to be prepared for public distribution, and shall arrange for publication thereof in a newspaper of general circulation in the town. The budget so adopted shall be the budget for the town for the ensuing fiscal year subject only to change pursuant to sections 1009, 1010 or 1011 hereof.

If the council determines that it has inadequate financial information or other good cause to delay final budget approval as required by Sec. 1008, and a final budget has not been enacted by the start of the fiscal year, the town council may authorize monthly expenditures by the town departments and agencies not to exceed one-twelfth (1/12th) of the rate of expenditures for the preceding fiscal year. Such authorization shall be valid for not more than thirty days without renewal by the council. The council may negotiate loans in anticipation of tax revenues repayable in no more than twelve months' time in order to provide funds to cover such expenditures. In the event the council delays budget approval beyond the first Wednesday in May the time for submitting and acting upon Referendum Petitions shall not commence until final adoption of the budget.

Repeal Sec. 1102. , entitled, "Sunday activities" Sunday sales law was repealed by the State of Rhode Island in 2005.

Section 1206. Voter recall.

(f) If it is determined that the completed recall petition (or all of the separate petitions constituting the completed recall petition) contains the signatures of that number of qualified electors of the town which equals or exceeds twenty percent (20%) of the average (rounded down) number of qualified electors of the town who voted in the two (2) most recent general elections, the town clerk shall schedule a vote of the qualified electors of the town on a date not earlier than ~~twenty (20)~~ fifty (50) calendar days nor later than ~~thirty (30)~~ seventy (70) calendar days from the date on which the board of canvassers completed the verification of the signatures on the petition; provided however, that no such vote shall be scheduled on a date which is within ninety (90) calendar days of a general election. ~~in which the office of the person whose removal from office is sought is to be filled.~~ Notice of any such recall vote shall be published by the town clerk at least two (2) times on separate days, with no less than a three (3) day interval between publications.

In no event shall a majority of the members of the council or school committee be removed by recall at the same time. In order to maintain a quorum, not more than 2 council members or 3 school committee members are subject to recall at the same time. If the recalled members exceed such numbers, the 2 council members or 3 school committee members having the highest number of votes for recall shall be deemed recalled.

Copies of the proposed amendment may be obtained from the Town Clerk's Office.

THE TOWN OF NORTH KINGSTOWN WILL PROVIDE INTERPRETERS FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED AT ANY MEETING PROVIDED A REQUEST IS RECEIVED THREE (3) DAYS PRIOR TO SAID MEETING BY CALLING 294-3331, EXT. 120.