



**ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS
MARCH 14, 2015**

Debra Jumbly
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

<p align="center">SELECTMEN</p> <p>For 3 Year Term Vote for One</p> <p>MARGOT R. FLEISCHMAN <small>Caucus Nominee</small> <input type="radio"/> 145 Page Road <small>Candidate for Re-election</small></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">HOUSING AUTHORITY</p> <p>For 4 Year Term Vote for One</p> <p>ROBERT N. SCHMALZ <small>Caucus Nominee</small> <input type="radio"/> 70 Essex Court <small>Candidate for Re-election</small></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE</p> <p>For 3 Year Term Vote for One</p> <p>GLENN McINTYRE <small>Caucus Nominee</small> <input type="radio"/> 135 Page Road <small>Candidate for Re-election</small></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>
<p align="center">ASSESSORS</p> <p>For 3 Year Term Vote for One</p> <p>RONALD M. CORDES <small>Caucus Nominee</small> <input type="radio"/> 3 Jeffrey Circle <small>Candidate for Re-election</small></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">PLANNING BOARD</p> <p>For 3 Year Term Vote for One</p> <p>JEFFREY M. COHEN <small>Caucus Nominee</small> <input type="radio"/> 17 Houlton Street <small>Candidate for Re-election</small></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE</p> <p>For 1 Year Term Vote for One</p> <p>DONALD G. DROUIN <small>Caucus Nominee</small> <input type="radio"/> 4H Ashby Place <small>Candidate for Re-election</small></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>
<p align="center">BOARD OF HEALTH</p> <p>For 3 Year Term Vote for Two</p> <p>SARAH B. THOMPSON <small>Caucus Nominee</small> <input type="radio"/> 40 Gould Road <small>Candidate for Re-election</small></p> <p>ANITA RAJ <small>Caucus Nominee</small> <input type="radio"/> 4 Wildwood Drive <small>Candidate for Re-election</small></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">LIBRARY TRUSTEE</p> <p>For 3 Year Term Vote for Two</p> <p>ROBERT L. BATT <small>Caucus Nominee</small> <input type="radio"/> 338 South Road <small>Candidate for Re-election</small></p> <p>MICHAEL ANTHONY PULIZZI <small>Caucus Nominee</small> <input type="radio"/> 10 Evans Avenue <small>Candidate for Re-election</small></p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>	<p align="center">SCHOOL COMMITTEE</p> <p>For 3 Year Term Vote for One</p> <p>JENNIFER L. KELLEY <input type="radio"/> 253 Concord Road</p> <p>DANIEL HARTLEY BROSGOL <input type="radio"/> 57 Loomis Street</p> <p><input type="radio"/></p> <p align="center">(Write-in)</p>

ARTICLES

Shall the Town of Bedford approve the miscellaneous Charter amendments proposed by the Bedford Special Town Meeting in Warrant Article 6 on November 6, 2014 summarized below? **YES**

NO

These amendments make changes to the following sections of the Charter:

- Section 2-6 Clerk Town Meeting- The amendment simplifies and clarifies the existing language with no substantive changes.
- Section 2-8 Petitioner's Advisory Committee- The amendment simplifies and clarifies the existing language with no substantive changes.
- Section 2-9 Town Meeting Vote by Consent- The amendment simplifies and clarifies the existing language with no substantive changes.
- Section 2-11 Budgets by Elected Boards and Committees to the Finance Committee- The amendment allows the Finance Committee to make exceptions to the time limit within which elected boards and committees may submit their budgets.
- Section 3-3 Selectmen, Appointments- The amendment deletes from the list of offices appointed by the Selectmen: Fence Viewers, Measurers of Wood and Bark, and the Town Manager. The Selectmen's appointment of the Town Manager is addressed elsewhere in the Charter.
- Section 5-1 Town Manager, Conditions of Office, Duties- The amendment provides that the Town Manager shall be qualified by "education and experience in public administration". Other modifications in the section simplify and clarify the existing language with no substantive changes.

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ARTICLES CONTINUED

ARTICLE CONTINUED FROM FRONT OF BALLOT

Section 5-2 Town Manager, Budget Preparation- The amendment simplifies and clarifies the existing language with no substantive changes.

Section 5-3 Town Manager, Warrant Report- The amendment simplifies and clarifies the existing language with no substantive changes.

Section 8-1 Holders of Elective Office May be Recalled- The amendment simplifies and clarifies the existing language with no substantive changes.

Section 8-2 Recall of Elected Officials, Affidavit, Petition, Preparation and Filing- The amendment retains the right of ten registered voters to initiate a recall process and simplifies and clarifies existing language with no substantive changes.

Section 9-3 Date of Appointments- The amendment simplifies and clarifies the existing language with no substantive changes.

Section 9-4 Qualification of Elected or Appointed Officers- The amendment requires elected and appointed officers to take an oath of office and be qualified by the Town Clerk within thirty days of their appointment or election; and that such officers may not perform their official duties until they are so qualified.

Section 9-5 Voting of Boards, Commissions and Committees- The amendment provides that except as otherwise provided by Massachusetts General Law, a majority vote of the total membership of any elective or appointive board, commission or committee shall be required to pass a motion.

Section 9-14 Charter Revision- The amendment simplifies and clarifies the existing language with no substantive changes.

Section 9-16 Publication of Bylaws- The amendment simplifies and clarifies the existing language with no substantive changes.

Shall the Town of Bedford approve the Charter amendment establishing the position of Deputy Moderator proposed by the Bedford Special Town Meeting in Warrant Article 7 on November 6, 2014 summarized below?

YES
NO

The proposed Charter amendment would create the position of Deputy Moderator. The Deputy Moderator is to be appointed by the Moderator at the first session of the Annual Town Meeting with ratification by the Town Meeting of the appointment. The Deputy Moderator would serve in the case of the Moderator's absence or disability and would have all of the powers of the Moderator when presiding at Town Meeting sessions, but no other powers or duties. In the absence of both the Moderator and the Deputy Moderator, Town Meeting would elect a Temporary Moderator.

Shall the Town of Bedford approve the Charter amendment which would increase the membership of the Volunteer Coordinating Committee to five (5) members as proposed by the Bedford Special Town Meeting in Warrant Article 8 on November 6, 2014 summarized below?

YES
NO

This proposed amendment would add two (2) members to the Volunteer Coordinating Committee to increase its total membership to five (5).

Shall the Town of Bedford approve the Charter amendment regarding Volunteer Coordinating Committee recommendations for Town appointees proposed by the Bedford Special Town Meeting in Warrant Article 9 on November 6, 2014 summarized below?

YES
NO

This proposed amendment revises the description of those positions for which the Volunteer Coordinating Committee will recruit candidates. Language has been added to clarify that the Volunteer Coordinating Committee does not need to identify additional candidates when a current member wishes to be reappointed, nor for appointees of elected and appointed boards other than the Selectmen. Additionally, the amendment increases the time for the Volunteer Coordinating Committee to recommend candidates to sixty (60) days from the date of the request. This proposed amendment more accurately reflects current practice.

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING