

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote by secret ballot to approve the Charter Amendments as reprinted and summarized in questions 1 thru 7 on the local referendum ballot? (As noted below).

**Town of Poland
Town Charter Ballot Questions**

1) Shall the Town of Poland approve the Charter amendments reprinted below?

Section 6.9.a The Town Manager shall prepare and annually submit to the Board of Selectpersons a five-year capital program on or before the first day of November.

Section 6.9.c Planning Board shall review the proposed capital program each year and forward its recommendations to the Board of Selectpersons no later than the first day of September.

(Explanatory Note: The purpose of these amendments is to amend ARTICLE VI, SECTIONS 6.9.a and 6.9c for the purpose of changing the Capital Improvement Plan submission dates and to eliminate the School Committee reference.)

YES NO

2) Shall the Town of Poland approve the Charter amendments reprinted below?

Section 7.1 Authority and Membership. A quorum to elect a Moderator and to proceed with an election process shall be a minimum of ten (10) registered voters. The quorum of the business portion of a Town Meeting shall be a minimum of one hundred (100) registered voters and that quorum must stand for the remainder of the business meeting, except that if that quorum is no longer met during any part of the meeting, a lesser number of members may vote to recess or adjourn the meeting until that quorum is met. Except as provided for in this Charter, the general law shall govern the calling of and proceedings at the Town Meeting.

(Explanatory Note: The purpose of these amendments is to amend ARTICLE VII, SECTION 7.1 of the Poland Town Charter for the purpose of revising the number of voters necessary to open Town Meeting elections and to select a Moderator, and to allow for necessary recess or adjournment of a meeting in which a quorum of 100 voters ceases to exist.)

YES NO

3) Shall the Town of Poland approve the Charter amendment reprinted below?

Section 6.11 Excise Tax Money. To the extent permitted by State law, the Town shall use excise tax money collected to reduce the tax rate.

(Explanatory Note: The purpose of this amendment is to amend ARTICLE VI, SECTION 6.11 of the Poland Town Charter to add language to clarify that the use of excise tax revenues shall comply with State law.)

YES NO

4) Shall the Town of Poland approve the Charter amendment reprinted below?

Section 11.1 Effective date. This Charter was adopted by the Town of Poland voters on November 4, 2008 with an effective date of July 1, 2009. The first local election held under the authority of this Charter was April 3, 2009.

(Explanatory Note: The purpose of this amendment is to amend ARTICLE XI: TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 11.1 of the Poland Town Charter to rephrase the language of the effective date to present day.)

YES NO

5) Shall the Town of Poland approve the Charter amendments summarized below?

Sections 11.2 Budget Committee, 11.3 Budget, 11.4 Town Manager and 11.6 Existing Officers & Employees shall be removed.

Section 11.5 Existing Ordinances will be changed to 11.2

Section 11.7 Existing Contracts and/or Obligations will be changed to 11.3

(Explanatory Note: The purpose of this amendment is to amend ARTICLE XI: TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS of the Poland Town Charter to delete sections of the Article that no longer are necessary due to the occurrence of the required events and to renumber the remaining sections.)

YES NO

6) Shall the Town of Poland approve the Charter amendments reprinted below?

Section 1.6 The Board of Selectpersons or its designees will review this Charter at least every ten (10) years unless the Board of Selectpersons makes a determination that earlier review is necessary.

Section 2.8 An emergency ordinance may be repealed by the adoption of a repealing ordinance in the same manner as the Board of Selectpersons originally adopted the emergency ordinance.

Section 7.7 No articles shall be allowed to be placed in the warrant for the annual Town Meeting less than fifteen (15) days before the annual Town Meeting date.

(Explanatory Note: The purpose of these amendments is to correct the grammar by amending ARTICLE I: SECTION 1.6; ARTICLE II, SECTION 2.8; and ARTICLE VII: SECTION 7.7.)

YES NO

7) Shall the Town of Poland approve the Charter amendments summarized below?

Section 2.1.d	The numbers (2) and (3) will be placed after the words two and three.
Section 2.2	Roman numerals i, ii, iii, & iv will be changed to a., b., c., d.
Section 2.6.a	The words forty eight will be replaced with forty-eight.
Section 2.8	The number (91 st) will be removed.
Section 6.9.b.2	The words Ten thousand dollars will be placed before (\$10,000).
Section 8.2.b	The words forty-fifth will replace 45 th .
Section 9.2.3.a	Roman numerals (i), (ii) will be replaced with 1) and 2)

Section 9.2.4 4)	Roman numerals (i), (ii), (iii), and (iv) will be replaced with 1), 2), 3) and 4)
Section 9.3.1.c.1	Roman numerals (i), (ii) will be replaced with 1) and 2)
Section 9.4.4	Roman numerals (i), (ii), and (iii) will be replaced with 1), 2), and 3)
Section 2.2.c	Punctuation after the word will be removed.
Section 7.8.b	Punctuation after the word will be removed.
Section 5.2.3.b	Semi-colon will be placed at the end of this section.
Section 6.9.b.2	Semi-colon will be placed at the end of this section.
Section 9.3.1.b.1	Following the completed sentence the ... will be removed.

(Explanatory Note: The purpose of these amendments is to make numerical and punctuation changes for consistency with the remainder of the Charter by amending Article II, Sections 2.1, 2.2, 2.6.a, 2.8.; Article V, Section 5.2.3; Article VI, Section 6.9.b.2; Article VIII, Section 8.2.b; and Article IX, Sections 9.2, 9.3 and 9.4.)

YES

NO