

Proposal Request and Comment Form

Date: August 30, 2017	Name: Richard Rom ID # 41
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Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Limit Labor Negotiations
Contact Information:*	<p>May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address: 27 Cornell Rd, Tiverton RI 02878</p> <p>Phone number: 401 575 3622</p> <p>Email: richard_a_rom@yahoo.com</p>

Note:

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<p>Change Requested</p>	<p>Limit labor negotiations to compensation and duration; make all other labor terms and conditions a matter of policy defined and maintained by the school committee and town counsel.</p>
<p>Describe why the Requested Change is needed</p>	<p>Negotiated labor terms and conditions are designed to protect labor, locks the town into contract financial constraints, and do not enable the town to foster an effective labor force to service the towns needs.</p>
<p>Describe the effect of the Requested Change</p>	<p>This change will allow the town counsel and school committee to control labor cost and improve performance, hence influencing the effectiveness of the workforce to better serve the town.</p>
<p>(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section</p>	

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Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Elderly Property Tax Freeze
Contact Information:*	<p>May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address: 27 Cornell Rd</p> <p>Phone number: 401 575 3622</p> <p>Email: richard_a_rom@yahoo.com</p>

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<p>Change Requested</p>	<p>I propose the town charter be changed to provide a property tax freeze for taxpayers over 65 and having resided in their homes for over 10 years. Model charter change similar to the elderly tax freeze implemented by Scituate RI.</p>
<p>Describe why the Requested Change is needed</p>	<p>Taxpayers on fixed incomes are especially vulnerable to affording tax increases and need protection.</p>
<p>Describe the effect of the Requested Change</p>	<p>Elderly taxpayers will be protected from property tax increases and will have a better opportunity to remain in their homes. Property tax payers under 65 will absorb tax increases at a higher rate.</p>
<p>(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section</p>	

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Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Private School Property Tax Credit
Contact Information:*	<p>May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address: 27 Cornell Rd Tiverton RI</p> <p>Phone number: 401 575 3622</p> <p>Email: richard_a_rom@yahoo.com</p>

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<p>Change Requested</p>	<p>I propose the town charter be changed to provide a property tax credit for taxpayers that send their children to private schools or home school their children. Qualifying taxpayers have resided in Tiverton and have paid property taxes for over 5 years and are in good standing with tax payments.</p>
<p>Describe why the Requested Change is needed</p>	<p>Taxpayers that educate their children outside of public education are paying twice to educate their children and should be combined.</p>
<p>Describe the effect of the Requested Change</p>	<p>Non qualifying taxpayers may incur additional taxes if more taxpayers do not choose private or home school education. Taxpayers with children will be giving a better opportunity to choose education.</p>
<p>(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section</p>	

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Date: September 4, 2017	Name: Madeline O'Dell
Connection to Tiverton:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered Voter (Elector) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resident <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Property Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business Owner and/or Work in Tiverton <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Limiting appropriations that can be spent by the Town Council without voter approval.
Contact Information:*	<p>May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address: 130 Warren Avenue</p> <p>Phone number: 401 625-5327</p> <p>Email: klondtrans@cox.net</p>

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<p>Change Requested</p>	<p>Section 203 - Balloting on Major Appropriations and on Proposals for Borrowing or the Issuance of Bonds</p> <p>In that first paragraph I would like to change amount in excess to be \$250,000 instead of \$500,000.</p> <p>On the 6th paragraph down that reads: All referenda for such purposes shall take place at a general election or at a special election..... I would like to take out the part saying, " or at a special election". So the TC can only make such changes at a year with a general election, or every two years.</p>
<p>Describe why the Requested Change is needed</p>	<p>Since it is a known fact that Tiverton is about bonded out, I would like to limit the amount of money the TC can spend without voter approval, as well as not being able to have a special election, which costs the town an addition, at least, \$15,000. We need to start being conservative. It would be just like a household having their credit cards maxed out. Enough!</p>
<p>Describe the effect of the Requested Change</p>	<p>The effect is that we would:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Save money by not having a special election and all that entails. 2) We would make sure any money that the Town Council wants to borrow has been well thought out, as it can only be done every two years. 3) This gives the voter a little more input into money spent in town - dropping the amount the TC can spend without voter approval from \$499,000 to \$249,000.
<p>(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section</p>	<p>Section 203, as stated above</p>

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Withdrawn by Sponsor

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ID #46

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Date: 6 Sept 2017	Name: Tiverton Historical Preservation Advisory Board Susan Anderson, Chair
Connection to Tiverton:	<input type="checkbox"/> Registered Voter (Elector) <input type="checkbox"/> Resident <input type="checkbox"/> Property Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Business Owner and/or Work in Tiverton <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Town Board
Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Addition of Historical Preservation Advisory Board to the Charter
Contact Information:*	May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Address: Town Hall Phone number: 625-1352 Email: susan@tivertonhistorical.org

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Upon review of the current Tiverton Town Charter, I request that the Commission consider the following proposal to change the Town Charter:

<p>Change Requested</p>	<p><u>Section 1015 Historical Preservation Advisory Board</u></p> <p>The Historical Preservation Advisory Board shall consist of five (5) members, all of whom have expertise and/or interest in historical site and building preservation. All members shall be appointed by the Town Council. Members shall serve for three (3) year terms and the appointments shall be staggered so that no more than two (2) terms expire in any single year. Vacancies shall be filled by the Town Council for the remainder of the unexpired term. The Board shall annually elect a Chairperson and such other officers as they deem appropriate.</p> <p>(a) Duties and Responsibilities:</p> <p>The Historical Preservation Advisory Board shall act in a regulatory capacity to the Town in all matters concerning the historical preservation of architectural and archeological resources and development of the Town, including signage pertaining to any historic sites. The Board shall advise the Planning Board as to an appropriate course of action to preserve archeological resources of potential sites within or approximate to development activity, after being given the resources and documentation of such sites.</p> <p>The Board shall provide advice and assistance on preservation; identify and provide plaques for historic homes and sites and elevate the community’s knowledge and appreciation of them by means of education and outreach programs; and provide other education and outreach programs. The Town’s historical resources shall be documented and the State survey listing brought up to date with properties eligible for the State and National Register. The Board should also coordinate efforts regarding the proposed Seapowet Archeological National Register District with the RI Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission. The Board should study and develop a protection strategy for the archeological remains along Eight Road Highway that correlates with the open space preservation effort between Bulgarmarsh Road and East Road. The Board should undertake an initiative to locate and secure copies of Colonial era Land Evidence Records that are presently located outside of Tiverton.</p>
<p>Describe why the Requested Change is needed</p>	<p>The Historical Preservation Advisory Board was made official in 2010 by the Town Council, and has been part of the Community Comprehensive Plan before that. It needs to be part of the Charter because it is a Town Board.</p>

Describe the effect of the Requested Change	By adding the HPAB to the Town Charter, it will back up the Community Comprehensive Plan and other official Town memorandum regarding the Board since its origination. The duties and responsibilities are from the 2017 Comp Plan.
(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section	New section 1015 is to be created.

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Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Town Committee/Board Applicant Vetting
Contact Information:*	<p>May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <u> x </u> No <u> </u></p> <p>Address: 1137 Main Road</p> <p>Phone number: 625-1352</p> <p>Email: gsriengr@yahoo.com</p>

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<p>Change Requested</p>	<p>Add a vetting process of applicants to any Town Commission/Board by the Chair of that Commission/Board prior to sending the application to the Town Council for appointment.</p>
<p>Describe why the Requested Change is needed</p>	<p>Chairs are not notified that the Town Council has approved an applicant until that person shows up at a meeting, and usually do not have a copy of the application to see what qualifications he/she has and why he/she wants to be on that Commission/Board. The Chair knows what qualifications are needed for the vacant position on his/her Commission/Board, and should be able to review potential applications to determine whether the candidate is a good match for the Commission/Board or not. Also, there could be an issue regarding the candidate and a member of the Commission/Board that might prevent a harmonious working relationship and which could lead to the experienced member resigning from the Commission/Board. Town Council members are most likely not familiar with the particular qualifications and responsibilities needed for each Commission/Board, and thus might appoint someone who may not be a match.</p>
<p>Describe the effect of the Requested Change</p>	<p>By having the Chair review any application to his/her Commission/Board prior to the Town Council receiving the application, he/she not only knows there is a candidate for the vacancy on his/her Commission/Board, but will get a better qualified candidate since the Chair knows the expectations and responsibilities necessary for that position. The Commission/Board will benefit in the long run by having better qualified members, as well as members who can work together to meet the goals of the Commission/Board. And the Town Council knows the applicant has met the qualifications necessary to be a member of that Commission/Board upon receipt of an approval of the application by its Chair, and makes their job easier in appointing someone who matches the needs of the Commission/Board.</p>
<p>(optional) List Charter sections affected by Requested Change or New Section</p>	

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ID #48

Proposal Request and Comment Form

Date: 9/8/17	Name: Donna Cook
Connection to Tiverton:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registered Voter (Elector) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resident <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Property Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Business Owner and/or Work in Tiverton <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Change name "Financial Services" to "Department of Finance"
Contact Information:*	<p style="text-align: center;">May we contact you for questions or clarification?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address: 192 Hilton Street</p> <p>Phone number: 401-624-8745</p> <p>Email: donna.j.cook@cox.net</p>

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Change Requested	Issue for consideration: Language to change name of "Financial Services" to "Department of Finance" in the Charter.
Describe why the Requested Change is needed	Reason for consideration: Present name is misleading, sounds like a financial institution such as a bank or credit union, that offers services for all financial needs. Department of Finance name would be more in line with the names of the other departments in town.
Describe the effect of the Requested Change	Effect of change: Function of the department shall be the supervision and direction of all matters pertaining to the financial operation of the Town of Tiverton including, but not limited to, accounting and budget, control of expenditures, assessments and collection of taxes, and other administration of trust funds, and the duties as shall be required by this Charter, ordinance, or state law.
(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section	Article VI, Financial Services

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Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Change title of Town Treasurer to Town Treasurer/Tax Collector
Contact Information:*	<p>May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Address: 192 Hilton Street</p> <p>Phone number: 401-624-8745</p> <p>Email: donna.j.cook@cox.net</p>

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Change Requested	<p>Issue for consideration: Language to change title of Town Treasurer to be "Town Treasurer/Tax Collector" and to be Director of the Department of Finance.</p> <p>There shall be a Department of Finance, director of which shall be the Town Treasurer/Tax Collector, who shall be appointed by the Town Administer with the approval of the Town Council for an initial period not to exceed three (3) years. Renewal contracts shall not exceed three (3) years.</p>
Describe why the Requested Change is needed	Reason for consideration: Consolidate departments and eliminate duplication of services.
Describe the effect of the Requested Change	Effect of change: Department of Finance shall consist of the Town Treasurer/Tax Collector.
(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section	Article VI, Financial Services, Section 601 Composition, Section 602 (a), Section 603 (a), (b), and (c), and include any and all other sections of the Charter that pertain to this issue.

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Proposal and/or Comment:	<input type="checkbox"/> Comment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proposal
Short Title for Proposal:	Eliminate Office of Tax Collector
Contact Information:*	May we contact you for questions or clarification? Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/> Address: 192 Hilton Street Phone number: 401-624-8745 Email: donna.j.cook@cox.net

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Change Requested	Issue for consideration: Language to eliminate the Office of Tax Collector with the establishment of the Department of Finance and Treasurer/Tax Collector.
Describe why the Requested Change is needed	Reason for consideration: Treasurer/Tax Collector would be doing all the duties of the Tax Collector.
Describe the effect of the Requested Change	Effect of change: Consolidation of department and better use of resources.
(optional) List Charter sections effected by Requested Change or New Section	Article VI, Section 603, (a), (b), and (c), Section 601 Composition, and include any and all other sections of the Charter that pertain to this issue.

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