



Official Ballot for Town of Brunswick  
November 3, 2020  
Municipal Election  
District 5

*Frances M. Linder*  
Town Clerk

Instructions to Voters

- ◆ To vote for the candidate of your choice, fill in the oval to the left, like this: ●
- ◆ To vote for a Write-in candidate, fill in the oval to the left of the Write-in space and write in the person's name.
- ◆ Fill in the oval next to your Yes or No choice like this: ●
- ◆ To have your vote count, do not erase or cross out your choice.
- ◆ If you make a mistake, ask for a new ballot.

**SPECIMEN  
BALLOT**

**For Council Representative  
District 5  
(3-Year Term)  
(Vote for One)**

Watkinson, Christopher

.....Write-In

**For Council Representative  
at Large  
(3-Year Term)  
(Vote for One)**

Wilson, Katherine E.

.....Write-In

**For School Board Representative  
District 5  
(3-Year Term)  
(Vote for One)**

Watkinson, Lauren

.....Write-In

**For School Board Representative  
at Large  
(3-Year Term)  
(Vote for One)**

Thompson, William H.

.....Write-In

**Question 1**

Shall the Charter of the Town of Brunswick be amended to remove no longer necessary language that provided for the initial compensation of the Town Council and School Board and that provided for a transition period when the Town Council and School Board terms were changed from two to three years?

- Yes
- No

A summary of the amendments is as follow:

Section 201 (c). Strikes outdated language that served to transition the town council terms from two to three-year terms.

Section 208 (c). Strikes outdated language that established the council member's compensation at the time the charter was adopted.

Section 901. Strikes outdated language that served to transition the school board terms from two to three-year terms.

Section 908. Strikes outdated language that established the school board member's compensation at the time the charter was adopted.

**Question 2**

Shall the Charter of the Town of Brunswick be amended to clarify and modify provisions related to the adoption and administration of the annual budget, and further, to insert current terminology?

- Yes
- No

A summary of the amendments is as follow:

Section 502. Clarifies that the budget is for the general fund. Replaces the word "expenses" with the word "expenditures" to reflect the proper terminology. Clarifies and changes the timeline for public availability of the budget, the setting and holding of the budget public hearing, and the timing of the adoption of the budget following the public hearing.

Section 504. Clarifies that budget is adopted by resolve. Clarifies that budget amendments may be funded from fund balances or reserves. Changes the delay in the budget adoption from 10 to 7 days.

Section 505. Adds "functional" classifications to the budget terminology.

Section 508. Changes the language on expenditure limitations to reflect a higher level of budgetary control, i.e. the functional level, as reflected in the budget resolution.

Section 511. Clarifies that budget funds transferred to other funds do not lapse.

Section 213. Strikes the State Department of Audit as a possible auditor of the Town's financial statements. The Department is no longer providing audit services to municipalities.

**TURN BALLOT OVER TO CONTINUE VOTING**

**Question 3**

Shall the Charter of the Town of Brunswick be amended to add the position of tax collector, delete the requirement that personnel rules be adopted by ordinance, allow voters to sign the nomination petitions of more than one candidate for the same office, and clean-up to oath of office for all municipal officials?

- Yes
- No

A summary of the amendments is as follows:

Section 217. Adds a new section, the position of tax collector, to the charter.

Section 402 (d). Strikes the words "by ordinance."

Section 1002 (c). Strikes the language that prohibits a voter from signing more than one candidate's petition.

Section 1208. Cleans up the oath of office to reflect language similar to language found in most other municipalities.

**YOU HAVE COMPLETED VOTING**

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