33. Primary Election.

(a) *Date.* A primary election or municipal meeting or convention shall be held in the town on the fourth Monday in April in every second odd numbered year, in order to select candidates for the general election on the second Tuesday in May. The primary election shall be conducted generally as specified in this subtitle for the conduct of special and general elections. Candidates' names shall appear in alphabetical order for the office sought, on the ballots or voting machine labels, with no party designation of any kind. If not more than ten persons have filed as candidates for the office of councilman, or if not more than two persons have filed for the office of mayor, no primary election shall be held as to that office or those offices. In such instances those nominated for mayor or the nominees for councilmen shall be considered as nominees and their names shall be placed on the ballots or voting machines at the general election on the second Tuesday in May. Of the candidates participating in the primary election, the two persons receiving the highest number of votes cast for the office of Mayor and the ten candidates receiving the highest number of votes cast for the office of councilman shall be named and considered as nominees at the general municipal election following.

(b) *Town meeting.* Candidates for the general election may be chosen at a town meeting or convention, at the time specified herein. Such meeting or convention for the selection of candidates shall be conducted generally according to accepted parliamentary procedure. In other respects, nominations at town meetings or conventions [shall], wherever applicable, *shall* be conducted as specified herein for primary elections.

34. Election of the Mayor and the Councilmen.

On the second Tuesday in May in every second odd numbered year, the qualified voters of the town shall elect one person as mayor and five persons as councilmen to serve for terms of four years.

35. Conduct of elections.

It [shall be] *is* the duty of the Board of Supervisors of Elections to provide for each special and general election a suitable place or places for voting and suitable ballot boxes and ballots and/or voting machines. The ballots and/or voting machines shall show the name of each candidate nominated for elective office in accordance with the provisions of this charter, arranged in alphabetical order by office with no party designation of any kind. The Board of Supervisors of Elections shall keep the polls open from 9.00 A.M. to 6.00 P.M. on election days or for longer hours if the council requires it.

36. Special elections.

All special town elections shall be conducted by the Board of Supervisors of Elections in the same manner and with the same personnel, as far as practicable, as regular town elections.

37. Vote count.

Within forty-eight hours after the closing of the polls, the Board of Supervisors of Elections shall determine the vote cast for each candidate or question and shall certify the results of the election to the clerk-treasurer of the town, who shall record the results in the minutes of the council. The candidate for mayor with the highest