

### 31. ELECTION OF MAYOR AND 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.

### 32. CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS GENERALLY

It shall be 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.

### 33. 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.

### 34. 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 candidates for mayor with the highest number of votes in the general election shall be declared elected as mayor. The five candidates for councilman with the highest number of votes in the general election shall be declared elected as councilmen.

### 35. PRESERVATION OF BALLOTS

All ballots used in any town election shall be preserved for at least six months from the date of the election.

### 36. VACANCIES

In case of a vacancy on the council for any reason, the council shall elect some qualified person to fill such vacancy for the unexpired term. In case of a vacancy in the office of mayor for any reason, the council shall elect some qualified person to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term. Any vacancies on the council or in the office of mayor shall be filled by the favorable votes of a majority of the remaining members of the council. The results of any such vote shall be recorded in the minutes of the council.

### 37. WOMEN

Women shall have equal privileges with men in registering, voting, and holding town offices. Whenever the masculine gender has been used as to any registering, voting, or holding town office, it shall be construed to include the feminine gender.