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OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
ABINGTON, MASSACHUSETTS
APRIL 30, 2016

Leann M. Adams
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS
For Three Years (Vote for One)
- ANN T. WELCH, 81 Highland Rd — Candidate for Re-election
- (Write-in)

BOARD OF HEALTH
For Three Years (Vote for Two)
- THERESA D. MAZE, 1020 Hancock St — Candidate for Re-election
- ALLISON L. GRIGGS, 567 Rockland St
- (Write-in)
- (Write-in)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
For Three Years (Vote for One)
- RICHARD J. COLLINS II, 74 Orange St
- ROBERT A. MANNING JR., 34 Orange St
- (Write-in)

HOUSING AUTHORITY
For Five Years (Vote for One)
- MELODIE S. OLSON, 32 Brookfield Rd
- WAYNE K. CROTHERS, 71 Shaw Ave N7
- (Write-in)

HOUSING AUTHORITY
For Three Year Unexpired Term (Vote for One)
- JUNE A. MORIN, 71 Shaw Ave P7
- (Write-in)

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
For Three Years (Vote for One)
- JANNETTE L. CUMMINGS-LEARY, 395 Randolph St
- (Write-in)

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
For One Year (Vote for One)
- WENDY R. HAPPEL, 40 Adams St
- (Write-in)

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY
For Three Years (Vote for Three)
- GERARD F. HAAS, 67 West St — Candidate for Re-election
- LAURA J. NUTTALL, 84 Constitution Ave — Candidate for Re-election
- CAROLYN GORHAM MURRAY, 287 High St
- (Write-in)
- (Write-in)
- (Write-in)

SEWER COMMISSIONER
For Three Years (Vote for Two)
- MICHAEL P. DONOVAN SR., 142 Summit Rd — Candidate for Re-election
- (Write-in)
- (Write-in)

TRUSTEES OF VETERANS MEMORIAL
For Three Years (Vote for One)
- (Write-in)

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSIONER
For Three Years (Vote for Two)
- (Write-in)
- (Write-in)

PARK & RECREATION COMMISSIONER
For One Year Unexpired Term (Vote for One)
- (Write-in)

PLANNING BOARD
For Five Years (Vote for One)
- (Write-in)

WATER COMMISSIONER
For Three Years (Vote for One)
- MICHAEL P. EGAN, 2 Springwood Dr.
- (Write-in)

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

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QUESTION 1

"Shall the Town of Abington accept sections 3 to 7, inclusive of chapter 44B of the General Laws, as proposed by its legislative body, a summary of which appears below?"

YES ◯
NO ◯

General Laws 44B, §3(f) provides further for Town Counsel to prepare a "fair, concise summary and purpose of the law to be acted upon . . . including in said summary the percentage of the surcharge to be imposed." Consistent with such direction, the summary may take the following form:

Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the Community Preservation Act ("Act"), establishes a dedicated funding source for the: acquisition, creation and preservation of open space; acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources; acquisition, creation, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of land for recreational use; acquisition, creation, preservation and support of community housing; and rehabilitation or restoration of open space and community housing acquired or create as provided under said Act. In Abington, the Act will be funded by a surcharge of 1.5% on the annual tax levy on real property and by matching funds provided by the state, to take effect beginning July 1, 2016. The following exemption(s) from such surcharge, permitted under Section 3(e) of said Act, will apply: (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile by a person who would qualify for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in the town; (2) $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property; and (3) $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of class three, commercial property, and class four, industrial property, as defined in section 2A of Chapter 59. The surcharge to be paid by a taxpayer receiving an exemption or an abatement of real property authorized by G.L. c.59 or any other law will be reduced in proportion to such exemption or abatement. A Community Preservation Committee must be created pursuant to by-law and will make recommendations on the use of the funds. Town Meeting must approve any such recommendation before the funds may be expended for any purpose.

QUESTION 2

"Shall an act passed by the general court in the year 2016 entitled 'An Act Relative to the Charter of the Town of Abington' be accepted?"

YES ◯
NO ◯

The Charter amendments approved at the June 8, 2015 Annual Town Meeting made both non-substantive and substantive changes to the Town Charter. The non-substantive changes address issues such as internal consistency and organization, compliance with state law, elimination of redundancy, and improved readability. The substantive changes include changing the Park and Recreation Commission and Trustees of Veterans Memorials from elected to appointed boards, while allowing the elected incumbents to serve out their terms. The amendments include authorization for the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Town Manager, pursuant to a contract, for a term of up to five years. Further, the substantive amendments clarify the processes for: filling vacancies on multiple-member boards; recall of elected officials; appointment of Chief and Deputy Chief of Police and Chief's role in appointing police personnel; and preparation of the operating and capital budgets.

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING