

# **TOWN OF TIVERTON**

## **Resolution Establishing**

### **The Financial Town Meeting (FTM) Changes Advisory Committee**

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council has determined that there is significant concern in the community regarding the current operation and efficiency of the Financial Town Meeting (“FTM”), as evidenced in part by several proposed amendments to the Town Charter to replace and/or modify the FTM; and

**WHEREAS** The Town Council believes that such changes should be thoughtfully studied and carefully considered.

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Town Council of Tiverton that the Financial Town Meeting Changes Advisory Committee (“Committee) is hereby established and organized as follows:

1. Purpose

The Committee shall consider and review the recently proposed amendments to the Town Charter regarding the FTM, shall review the proposed amendments regarding the FTM that have been passed and rejected by the voters over the past decade, and shall prepare a proposed amendment or amendments for submission to the Town Council for possible submission to the voters.

2. Membership

The membership of the Committee shall be composed of:

- a. Two (2) Co-Chairs to be appointed by the Town Council from the public, and
- b. Four (4) members to be appointed by the Town Council from the public. The putative Co-Chairs may each nominate two (2) members, but the Town Council shall not be required to appoint such nominees.
- c. The Committee shall elect a Secretary from among its membership.

3. The Committee shall meet at the call of either of the Chairs, or upon the written request of any three members. It shall be deemed a public body and subject to all requirements of the Open Meetings Act and the Access to Public Records Act.
4. The Committee shall report at least quarterly to the Town Council, setting forth its achievements, projects and goals, and shall submit a final report, including proposed amendment or amendments, not later than June 1, 2011.
5. The Committee shall cease to exist on July 31, 2011.

Adopted by the Town Council on the \_\_\_\_ day of August, 2010.

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Nancy Mello, Town Clerk