

Town Charter Review Committee

The committee's work determined whether amendments or revisions of specific provisions to the Charter are warranted, based on the LWVA's "good government" principles. The Committee observed the Town's Charter Review process, and updated the Steering Committee as to new developments.

Committee members: Darcy Dumont, Marla Jamate, Julian Hynes and Janet Potash.

[LWVA Amherst Home Rule Survey Results 2023 -](#)

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Th6KzOpceeKJkaLZ989Xy5tLeVLcpo5Pa8Yx8nTzNZg/edit#slide=id.g241ea8bb64f_0_0

[LWVA 2023 Home Rule Charter Results Presentation -](#)

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[CLICK HERE to read the Town Charter RECOMMENDATIONS](#) based on the LWVA Member Consensus.

TOPICS FOR FUTURE STUDY: Annual meeting voted on June 13, 2024 to conduct the following two studies, given members interested in working on the studies. 1. Study changing to a Council/Mayor Form of government, with or without a manager, in order to have an elected executive (ARTICLE 1). 2. Study if a voter veto resident vote should be required to be the same

percentage in the affirmative as the original vote being challenged in order to pass (ARTICLE 8).

If you are interested in serving on this study committee please email:
lwva@lwvamherst.org

INPUT FROM STATE AND NATIONAL LWV ON TERM LIMITS: The consensus committee voted to support term limits for town councilors and school committee members and for the office of Council President. After the votes, the Town Charter Task Force was advised that there is a National LWV position opposing term limits that was also supported by LWWMA. The Task Force is in the process of conferring with both State and National about the applicability of the 1991 position to local leagues.