

The Charter Review Committee has created this database of suggestions sent to us by interested citizens of Orleans.
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CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE SUGGESTION DATABASE 2020						
Last Revision: 3/8/2021 DATE is when the entry was made in database						Y = Yes, N= No, N.A. NO ACTION
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Chapter #						
1 Town Incorporation, Form of Government and Powers						
1	12/9/20	CRC member	1-2-1	Patricia Fallender	Town Administrator vs Town Manager	
2	3/2/21	CRC member	NEW 1-3-7	Mark Berson	Powers of the Town... This is already covered in 1-3-2	
2 Town Meeting						
1	12/9/20	email	2-7-7	Gail Meyers Lavin	add after "in the Warrant," - "by printed handout at Town Meeting" for efficiency	
2	12/9/20	CRC member	2-3-2	Patricia Fallender	change "investigates" to "investigate"	Sent to Town Clerk for correction
3	12/9/20	CRC member	All Section 4	Patricia Fallender	consult with Select Board for new timelines for opening and closing Warrants ATM & STM	
4	12/9/20	CRC member	2-6-1	Patricia Fallender	Petition Articles still need 60 days for Annual Town Mtg?	
5	12/9/20	CRC member	2-6-2	Patricia Fallender	Petition Articles still need 45 days for Special Town Mtg?	
6	12/9/20	CRC member	2-7-1	Patricia Fallender	Evaluate best day of week, time and location for Town Meetings	
7	2/2/21	email	2-7	Rick Francolini	Include a new clause, under Procedures, to address electronic voting and other efficiency improvements for Town Meetings	
8	2/3/21	CRC member	2-1	Mark Berson	Should the CRC recommend that non-citizens be granted local voting rights?	
9	2/11/21	email	2-4	Lynn Bruneau	Do opening and closing dates for Warrants need to be specific? Could it be a range?	
10	3/15/21	email	2-7	Steve Gass	Work to make Town Mtg more effective and efficient. Warrant too long, items routine and minor. Begin to work toward virtual participation/voting to increase participation.	
11	4/7/21	email	2-7	Mary Mador	Town Meetings are too long and consumed by petty matters that should be decided by Select Board. Town Mtg should not decide what is on ballot with only a small quorum.	
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3 Board of Selectmen - Select Board	1	12/9/20	CRC member	3-3-4	M.Berson & Jfuller	Emergency Preparedness Plan - Unusual Circumstances (Evacuations)	
	2	12/9/20	CRC member	3-9-2	Mark Berson	add "Climate Change/Global Warming Committee" (ref. new 6-12-1)	
	3	1/4/21	CRC member	3-2 new	Mark Berson	Insert a section that would direct the Select Board to adopt a Code of Conduct for the Town of Orleans (CRC discussion and concensus to add this to database on 1/4/21)	
	4	1/31/21	email		Orleans Resident	How does the Select Board control how the TA implements its policies? It looks like SB can only suggest after establishing a policy.	
	5	2/1/21	CRC mtg Input	NEW 3-8-5	CRC Consensus	Add new clause directing Select Board to develop and adopt a Code of Conduct for the Town of Orleans.	
	6	2/11/21	email	3-1-4	Lynn Bruneau	Can the compensation for the Select Board members and Chairperson be indexed so that it can be changed in between Charter updates if so desired?	
	7	2/11/21	email	3-5-3	Lynn Bruneau	Change parameters for IMA regarding \$ amounts and duration. Perhaps delete from Charter	
	8	3/2-3/2021	CRC member	New 3-8-5	Mark Berson	Language for General Code of Conduct and Code of Conduct for Select Board provided as suggested draft to Select Board. Not to be included in Code of Conduct Charter Article.	
	9	3/9/21	CRC member	3-3-3 & 3-8-4	Patricia Fallender	How are the Charter, By-laws and rules and regulations reviewed and enforced?	
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4 The Town Administrator	1	12/9/20	CRC mtg Input	All Sections		Town Administrator vs Town Manager (responsibilities and duties) - Mtg with TA John Kelly	
	2	1/31/21	email		Orleans Resident	What failsafes are there if a new TA or TM takes advantage of the breadth of power given in the Charter job description?	
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5 Elected Town Boards and Officers	1	12/9/20	CRC member	All Sections	Mark Berson	Elected vs Appointed Members of Town Board/Committees	
	2	12/9/20	CRC member	5-9-2	Jon Fuller	Old Kings Highway District Committee	
	3	2/11/21	email	5-2-1	Lynn Bruneau	Add word "bodies" in first line so that clause reads "vacancies in elected Town multi-member bodies other than the Board of Selectmen..."	
	4	2/11/21	email	5-3-1	Lynn Bruneau	Delete extraneous (2/3 vote required) from end of this clause. Appears to be wording from Warrant vote that was left on by mistake from 2017 amendment	Sent to Town Clerk for correction
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6 Appointed Multi-Member Bodies	1	12/9/20	CRC member	All Sections	Mark Berson	Elected vs Appointed Members of Town Board/Committees	
	2	12/9/20	CRC member	NEW	Mark Berson	New Section!! Climate Change/Global Warming Committee	
	3	12/9/20		NEW	Citizen?	New Section!! Police Department Oversight Committee	

4	12/9/20	CRC member	NEW	Jon Fuller	New Section!! Affordable Housing Committee and Trust	
5	1/13/21	email	NEW	Tracy Murphy, Chm RAC	New Section!! The Recreation Advisory Committee would like to expand its scope and become a Recreation Commission	
6	1/12/21	email		Robert Cunningham	Select Board should be sure to appoint multi-member body members to overlapping terms	
7	1/12/21	email		Robert Cunningham	There seem to be too many committees and not enough volunteers. Having a few committees with important deliverables for the Town is a much better option	
8	1/19/21	email	6-8-2	Dick Hartmann ChBWSC	Increase Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners to 5 regular Members, 2 Alternates and 1 each Planning Board and Board of Health Representatives.	
9	1/4/21	CRC member	6-4-1 & 6-4-2	Jon Fuller	Change "Conservation Commission" title to "Conservation Committee" (check MGL statute)	
10	1/4/21	CRC member	6-8	Jon Fuller	Change "Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners" title to "Water and Sewer Board"	
11	1/4/21	CRC member	6-10-1	Jon Fuller	Change "Historical Commission" title to "Historical Committee"	
12	2/10/21	email	6-4-1	John Jannell Cons Comm	Add the words "and vote" to clarify that associate members acting in the absence of regular Cons Comm members have that ability.	
13	2/14/21	CRC member	6-4-1	Patricia Fallender	correct spelling in last sentence by changing "even" to "event"	
14	2/15/21	CRC member	New 6-9-2	Mark Berson	Add here regarding amending Charter but already covered by clause 10-1-1	
15	2/11/21	email	6-8-3	Lynn Bruneau	Should reference to "sewer rates" be clarified to reflect "taxes and betterment fees" or just be more generic?	
16	3/1/21	CRC member	6-10-1	Patricia Fallender	delete line "{Amended 5-12-2014 ATM, Art.26}" as not relevant to this clause	Sent to Town Clerk for correction
17	3/5/21	email	6-11-1	Rick Francolini	Consider adding a Recreation representative to the Community Preservation Committee since it is now an eligible funding category under the Community Preservation Act.	
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7 Citizen Participation, Elections and Recal	1	12/9/20		7-1-2	Jon Fuller?	Use of Public Hearings	
	2	2/8/21	email	7-1-1	Joan Francolini	Orleans needs to implement and sustain a Communications Strategy by funding a user friendly website, better email and phone communications, and social media platforms.	
	3	3/1/21	CRC member	7-1-1	Patricia Fallender	change first word of fourth line from "appropriated" to "appropriate"	Sent to Town Clerk for correction
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9 Planning and The Environment

1	12/9/20	CRC member	NEW 9-1-6	MBerson & JFuller	New Section!! Economic Development Plan	
2	2/2/21	email	9-1	Rick Francolini	Should Charter address issue of derelict buildings in Orleans economic centers? Or is this a Zoning bylaw issue best addressed by the Planning Board?	
3	2/1/21	CRC member	NEW 9-1-6	Maxine Minkoff	Add New Section addressing Economic Development	
4	2/1/21	CRC member	NEW 9-1-7	Maxine Minkoff	Add New Section addressing Climate Change	
5	2/11/21	email	9-2	Lynne Bruneau	Change title of this section from "Official Town Plan" to "Orleans Comprehensive Plan".This change was made by 2007 CRC and effective 2008	Sent to Town Clerk for correction
6	2/11/21	CRC member	9-1-3	Gail Meyers Lavin	Change "environment" to environmental" (end of 2nd line)	Sent to Town Clerk for correction
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10 Charter Operation and Maintenance	1	2/1/21	CRC mtg Input	10-4		Review, clarify and add more definitions to this section as needed.	
	2	2/11/21	email	10-4-1 (a)	Lynne Bruneau	List steps involved to adopt Charter Changes to clarify process to voters	
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11 Other Input	1	12/9/20	CRC member	Preamble	Gail Meyers Lavin	Drait language to include part of original Introduction and "guiding principles" and place prior to Chapter 1 of Charter. Re-insert original introduction before Preamble.	Sent to Town Clerk for insertion
	2	1/7/21	email		Rigney Cunningham	suggests a resident survey with short statement of what CRC can do followed by multiple choice questions with space for comments and name and contact info for follow-up	
	3	2/11/21	CRC member	Preamble	Mark Berson	Suggested Preamble with additional language not in current Preamble	
	4	2/11/21	email		Lynn Bruneau	Need clarity regarding Town Meeting votes as to whether a simple majority or 2/3 or 3/4 vote is required to pass and why? By Charter, MGL, etc? In Charter? In Warrant too?	
	5	4/7/21	email		John Nichols	Please inform him of any proposed changes to the Charter and why.	
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