

HERMON TOWN COUNCIL

Be it ordered that the Town Council shall hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 27, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at the Hermon Town Council Chambers to consider the following Charter amendments to Articles IV, VI, and VIII of the Hermon Town Charter:

First Amendment:

Articles Summary

Article VI

School Committee. A Department of Education is created with seven School Committee members, five elected at large from Hermon, being responsible for the care and management of the public schools of the town, and two from S.A.D. #23 RSU 87. ~~empowered to vote on Secondary Education matters.~~

Second Amendment:

Sec. 4.01 – APPOINTMENT; QUALIFICATION

The Town Council shall appoint a Town Manager for any length it desires ~~an indefinite term~~ and fix his/her compensation. The manager shall be appointed on the basis of his/her executive and administrative qualifications. He/she need not be a resident of the Town or State at the time of his/her appointment but may reside outside the Town while in office only with the approval of the Council.

Third Amendment:

Sec. 6.01 – NUMBER, ELECTION, AND TERM

The School Committee shall consist of five (5) members, each of whom shall be nominated and elected by the registered voters of the entire Town to administer and provide oversight for the School Department.

Each member shall be elected for a term of three (3) years and shall serve until his/her successor is elected and qualified. After serving three full consecutive terms as a School Committeeperson, an individual must wait one year before serving on the Committee again.

In addition to the five (5) members above, there shall also be two (2) members of the School Committee to be appointed by the director of RSU 87 ~~R.S.U. #87~~ for as long as secondary school tuition students from RSU 87 ~~#87 d/a/ SAD #23~~ comprise ~~comprise~~ no less than 25% of the secondary education student population at Hermon High School. The School Committee shall have all the powers and duties prescribed for

school committees by the general laws of the State of Maine, except as otherwise provided by the Charter as follows:

(a.) A specific agenda item shall be provided at all regular meetings to allow public input.

(b.) The School Committee shall provide for keeping a verbatim record of its proceedings to be retained and disposed of in accordance with State Law.

(c.) The contract between the School Department and RSU 87 shall be for a period of three (3) years.

Fourth Amendment:

Sec. 6.08 – BUDGET

The School Committee shall submit and present its proposed annual budget to the Town ~~Manager~~ Council at a time to be determined by the Town Council pursuant to Section 8.03 of this Charter. ~~no less than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Town Meeting or Special Town Meeting called for adoption of the school budget along with explanation of any pending items.~~

Fifth Amendment:

Sec. 8.02 - PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF THE BUDGET

The Town Manager, at a time to be determined by the Town Council, shall submit to the Council a budget and an explanatory budget message. The budget authority of the Town Council shall include amending or approving the budget proposed by the Town Manager and determining the total appropriations made to various municipal offices, departments or agencies. The school budget will be presented to the Town Council, which shall determine the total amount of school budget to be presented for school budget validation vote, pursuant to 20-A M.R.S.A. Section ~~2308(2)~~ 2307(2) and the Town Council will forward the School Committee's recommendation to the voters in accordance with State law.

Sixth Amendment:

Remove references to S.A.D. 23 wherever used in the Charter and replace with RSU #87.

Note: New text is underlined; deleted text is ~~struck-out~~.