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Thanks Ben!

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Bob –

As requested, attached is a redlined version of the Charter with proposed amendments. Specifically, these amendments:

- Change the date by which the budget and CIP need to be submitted to the Council to March 1 of every year (Art. V, Secs. 2, 3).
- Move the date by which the proposed budget must be recommended to voters as being no later than 60 days prior to the new fiscal year – to allow for ballot printing (Art. V, Sec. 4).
- Other housekeeping amendments in Art V. to clarify the budget preparation process.
- Moving the Annual Town Meeting to the second Tuesday in June, concurrent with the regular municipal election.
- Making that Annual Town Meeting secret ballot only; specifying the effect of yes and no votes on each budget article; and permitting special (open) town meetings to ask for additional appropriations if a budget article is defeated.
- Increase in the amount of appropriations requiring town meeting approval from \$25,000 to \$250,000.

These amendments are all suggestions, based on feedback from the Council. Nothing is set in stone, so I look forward to further discussion with Council and amendments to the amendments as necessary. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Ben

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