

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4576**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*David T. Vieira*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act amending the charter of the town of Bourne.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>	<i>3/1/2022</i>
<i>Steven G. Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>3/3/2022</i>
<i>Susan L. Moran</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>	<i>3/4/2022</i>

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By Mr. Vieira of Falmouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4576) of David T. Vieira, Steven G. Xiarhos and Susan L. Moran (by vote of the town) that the town of Bourne be authorized to amend certain provisions the charter of said town. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)  
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An Act amending the charter of the town of Bourne.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Subsection (a) of section 2-5 of article 2 of the charter of the town of  
2 Bourne, which is on file in the office of the archivist of the Commonwealth, as provided in  
3 section 12 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out the words  
4 “multiple member body” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- governmental  
5 body.

6 SECTION 2. Subsection (b) of said section 2-5 of article 2 of said charter is hereby  
7 amended by striking out the figure “25” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 30.

8 SECTION 3. Said subsection (b) of section 2-5 of article 2 of said charter is hereby  
9 amended by striking out the words “majority vote” and inserting in place thereof the following  
10 words:- 4/5th vote of members present and voting.

11 SECTION 4. Said subsection (b) of section 2-5 of article 2 of said charter is hereby  
12 amended by inserting, after the word “emergency”, the following words:- or when calling a  
13 special town meeting less than 30 days before the date of the special town meeting.

14 SECTION 5. Subsection (c) of section 2-5 of article 2 of said charter is hereby amended  
15 by striking out the word “selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select  
16 board members.

17 SECTION 6. Said subsection (c) of section 2-5 of article 2 of said charter is further  
18 amended by striking out the word “table” and inserting in place thereof the following word:-  
19 chart.

20 SECTION 7. Said subsection (c) of section 2-5 of article 2 of said charter is further  
21 amended by inserting, after the word “library,” the following words:- and the town’s website.

22 SECTION 8. Said subsection (c) of section 2-5 of article 2 of said charter is further  
23 amended by inserting, after the word “meeting” in the fourth sentence, the following words:- or  
24 any special town meeting. By majority vote the select board may waive the requirements for a  
25 special town meeting in case of an emergency or when calling a special town meeting less than  
26 30 days before the date of the special town meeting.

27 SECTION 9. Section 2-6 of article 2 of said charter is hereby amended by striking the  
28 word “officers” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- officials.

29 SECTION 10. Said section 2-6 of article 2 of said charter is further amended by striking  
30 the word “boards and commissions” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
31 governmental bodies.

32 SECTION 11. Said section 2-6 of article 2 of said charter is further amended by striking  
33 the word “boards, commissions” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
34 governmental bodies.

35 SECTION 12. Section 2-9 of article 2 of said charter is hereby amended by inserting after  
36 the third sentence the following sentence:- The chairperson of the finance committee may not  
37 chair any other governmental body.

38 SECTION 13. Article 3 of said charter is hereby amended by striking, in the section  
39 subtitle, the words “Board of Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
40 Select Board.

41 SECTION 14. Section 3-1 of said article 3 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
42 the figure “5” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- five.

43 SECTION 15. Said section 3-1 of article 3 of said charter is further amended by striking  
44 the figure “3” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- three.

45 SECTION 16. Said section 3-1 of article 3 of said charter is further amended by striking  
46 the word “serve” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- act.

47 SECTION 17. Section 3-2 of said article 3 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
48 the word “selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- the select board.

49 SECTION 18. Section 3-3 of said article 3 of said charter is hereby amended by inserting,  
50 before the word “local”, the following words:- strategic plan and.

51 SECTION 19. Said section 3-3 of article 3 of said charter is further amended by striking  
52 the words “July 1” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- September 1st.

53 SECTION 20. Said section 3-3 of article 3 of said charter is further amended by striking  
54 the word “selectman” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select board member.

55 SECTION 21. Paragraph 2 of said section 3-3 of article 3 of said charter is hereby  
56 amended by striking, in the second sentence, the word “selectmen” and inserting in place thereof  
57 the following words:- select board members.

58 SECTION 22. Said paragraph 2 of section 3-3 of article 3 of said charter is further  
59 amended by striking, in the third sentence, the word “selectmen” and inserting in place thereof  
60 the following words:- select board members.

61 SECTION 24. Said paragraph 2 of section 3-3 of article 3 of said charter is further  
62 amended by inserting, after the word “goals,” the following words:- strategic plan goals,.

63 SECTION 23. Section 3-4 of said article 3 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
64 the words “boards of selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select  
65 boards.

66 SECTION 24. Said section 3-4 of said article 3 of said charter is further amended by  
67 inserting, after the word “commonwealth,” the following words:- shall have the power and  
68 authority to adopt rules and regulations, after public hearing and publication, for the conducting  
69 of town business, the use of town real and personal property, and other matters within its  
70 jurisdiction and to set the penalties for violations thereof,.

71 SECTION 25. Said article 3 of said charter is further amended by striking the text of  
72 section 3-5 and inserting in place thereof the following words:- The select board shall appoint the  
73 town administrator, town counsel, registrars of voters, and constables. The board shall also have

74 the power to appoint other governmental bodies for whom no other appointment provision is  
75 made in this charter or by by-law. Representatives of governmental bodies specified as members  
76 of a governmental body shall be designated by their respective governmental body.  
77 Governmental bodies established by the select board shall possess and exercise all powers given  
78 to them under the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth and shall possess and exercise  
79 such additional powers and duties as may be authorized by this charter, by-law or vote of town  
80 meeting. This charter names those governmental bodies which (1) are mandated or authorized by  
81 the laws of the Commonwealth and (2) exercise regulatory or other authority. All governmental  
82 bodies appointed by the select board shall be responsible to the select board.

83 SECTION 26. Section 3-6 of said article 3 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
84 the words “town board or committee” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
85 governmental body.

86 SECTION 27. Section 3-7 of said article 3 of said charter is hereby amended by inserting,  
87 after the first sentence, the following sentence:- The select board shall maintain an active list of  
88 the governmental bodies and representation and make accessible to the public on the town’s  
89 website.

90 SECTION 28. Section 4-1 of article 4 of said section 1 of said charter is hereby amended  
91 by striking the figure “5” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- five.

92 SECTION 29. Said section 4-1 of article 4 of said charter is further amended by striking  
93 the figure “9” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- nine.

94 SECTION 30. Paragraph 2 of said section 4-1 of article 4 of said charter is hereby  
95 amended by inserting, after the first sentence, the following sentence:- The town administrator’s

96 contract will not automatically renew each contract period. The select board, by an affirmative  
97 vote of four of its members, shall renew the contract.

98 SECTION 31. Said section 4-1 of article 4 of said charter is further amended by striking  
99 the figure “7” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- seven.

100 SECTION 32. Said section 4-1 of article 4 of said charter is further amended by striking  
101 the words “when appointed but shall establish primary residence in the town of Bourne within 1  
102 year after the date of appointment; provided, however, that the board of selectmen may, by  
103 simple majority vote of the selectmen in office at the time of appointment, extend the time for  
104 establishing residence or otherwise allow the town administrator to reside elsewhere. Once a  
105 residency exemption is granted to a specific town administrator, it shall not be rescinded in  
106 future contracts with that town administrator.”

107 SECTION 33. Section 4-3 of said article 4 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
108 the words “some other” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- a.

109 SECTION 34. Section 4-4 of said article 4 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
110 the words “some other” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- a.

111 SECTION 35. Said section 4-4 of article 4 of said charter is further amended by inserting,  
112 after the last sentence, the following sentence:- The select board reserves the right to limit the  
113 powers and duties of the acting or interim town administrator by a majority vote of the select  
114 board.

115 SECTION 36. Paragraph 1 of section 4-5 of said article 4 of said charter is hereby  
116 amended by striking the figure “4” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- four.

117 SECTION 37. Said paragraph 1 of section 4-5 of said article 4 of said charter is further  
118 amended by striking the figure “5” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- five.

119 SECTION 38. Said paragraph 1 of section 4-5 of said article 4 of said charter is further  
120 amended by striking the figure “7” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- seven.

121 SECTION 39. Paragraph 2 of said section 4-5 of article 4 of said charter is hereby  
122 amended by striking the figure “5” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- five.

123 SECTION 40. Said paragraph 2 of section 4-5 of said article 4 of said charter is further  
124 amended by striking the figure “4” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- four.

125 SECTION 41. Subsection (a) of section 4-6 of said article 4 of said charter is hereby  
126 amended by inserting, after the words “board of selectmen”, the following words:- and inclusion  
127 of the strategic plan.

128 SECTION 42. Subsection (c) of said section 4-6 of article 4 of said charter is hereby  
129 amended by striking the words “program and” and inserting in place thereof the following  
130 words:- plan and capital improvement.

131 SECTION 43. Subsection (i) of said section 4-6 of article 4 of said charter is hereby  
132 amended by striking the word “personnel” and inserting in place thereof the following words:-  
133 human resource.

134 SECTION 44. Subsection (k) of said section 4-6 of article 4 of said charter is hereby  
135 amended by striking the word “insuring” and inserting in place thereof the following word:-  
136 ensuring.



137 SECTION 45. Subsection (l) of said section 4-6 of article 4 of said charter is hereby  
138 amended by striking the figure “3” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- three.

139 SECTION 46. Subsection (n) of said section 4-6 of article 4 of said charter is hereby  
140 amended by striking the word “coordinate” and inserting in place thereof the following word:-  
141 oversee.

142 SECTION 47. Said subsection (n) of section 4-6 of article 4 of said charter is further  
143 amended by striking the words “boards, committees and commissions” and inserting in place  
144 thereof the following words:- governmental bodies.

145 SECTION 48. Said subsection (n) of section 4-6 of article 4 of said charter is further  
146 amended by striking the words “may require elected boards and individuals” and inserting in  
147 place thereof the following words:- may require elected governmental bodies and individuals.

148 SECTION 49. Said subsection (n) of section 4-6 of article 4 of said charter is further  
149 amended by striking the words “for the purpose of coordination and financial planning”.

150 SECTION 50. Section 5-1 of article 5 of said section 1 of said charter is hereby amended  
151 by striking out the words “table of organization”, each time they appear, and inserting in place  
152 thereof, in each instance, the following words:- organizational chart.

153 SECTION 51. Section 5-2 of said article 5 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
154 out the figure “1” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- one.

155 SECTION 52. Said section 5-2 of article 5 of said charter is further amended by inserting,  
156 after the words “authorized in this charter”, the following words:- or transferred to another  
157 agency in accordance with the provisions of 5-3.

158 SECTION 53. Said section 5-2 of article 5 of said charter is further amended by striking  
159 out, in the last sentence, the figure “3” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- three.

160 SECTION 54. Section 5-3 of said article 5 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
161 out the figure “1”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the  
162 following word:- one.

163 SECTION 55. Said section 5-3 of said article 5 of said charter is hereby amended by  
164 striking out the figure “7” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- seven.

165 SECTION 56. Said section 5-3 of article 5 of said charter is further amended by striking  
166 out the sentence “The proposed organization shall become effective not sooner than 60 days  
167 following the selectmen’s vote on the final plan.”

168 SECTION 57. Subsection (a) of section 5-4 of said article 5 of said charter is hereby  
169 amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen”.

170 SECTION 58. Subsection (b) of said section 5-4 of article 5 of said charter is hereby  
171 amended by striking out the word “superintendent”, each time it appears, and inserting in place  
172 thereof, in each instance, the following word:- director.

173 SECTION 59. Said subsection (b) of said section 5-4 of article 5 of said charter is further  
174 amended by striking out the word “superintendent’s”, each time it appears, and inserting in place  
175 thereof, in each instance, the following word:- director’s.

176 SECTION 60. Said subsection (b) of said section 5-4 of article 5 of said charter is further  
177 amended by striking out the words “and board of selectmen”.

178 SECTION 61. Said section 5-4 of article 5 of said charter is further amended by striking  
179 out subsection (d) in its entirety.

180 SECTION 62. Subsection (a) of section 5-5 of said article 5 of said charter is hereby  
181 amended by striking out the words “board of selectmen”.

182 SECTION 63. Subsection (c) of said section 5-5 of article 5 of said charter is hereby  
183 amended by striking out the words “and board of selectmen”.

184 SECTION 64. Said section 5-5 of article 5 of said charter is further amended by striking  
185 out subsection (e) in its entirety.

186 SECTION 65. Item (10) of subsection (a) of section 5-6 of said article 5 of said charter is  
187 hereby amended by inserting, after the word “related”, the following word:- financial.

188 SECTION 66. Said item (10) of subsection (a) of section 5-6 of said article 5 of said  
189 charter is further amended by inserting, after the word “functions,”, the word:- financial.

190 SECTION 67. Subsection (c) of said section 5-6 of said article 5 of said charter is hereby  
191 amended by striking out the figure “3”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in  
192 each instance, the following word:- three.

193 SECTION 68. Subsection (d) of said section 5-6 of said article 5 of said charter is hereby  
194 amended by striking out the figure “3” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- three.

195 SECTION 69. Article 6 of said section 1 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
196 out the words “Town Boards and Officers”, each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof,  
197 in each instance, the following words:- Governmental Bodies and Officials.

198 SECTION 70. Subsection (a) of section 6-1 of said article 6 of said charter is hereby  
199 amended by striking out the word “officers” and inserting in place thereof the following word:-  
200 officials.

201 SECTION 71. Subsection (b) of said section 6-1 of article 6 of said charter is hereby  
202 amended by striking out the words “Town boards” and inserting in place thereof the following  
203 words:- Governmental bodies.

204 SECTION 72. Item (6) of said subsection (b) of section 6-1 of article 6 of said charter is  
205 hereby amended by inserting, after the word “Bourne”, the word “Public”.

206 SECTION 73. Item (9) of said subsection (b) of section 6-1 of article 6 of said charter is  
207 hereby amended by striking out the words “multi-member” and inserting in place thereof the  
208 following word:- governmental.

209 SECTION 74. Section 6-2 of said article 6 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
210 out the figure “1” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- one.

211 SECTION 75. Said section 6-2 of article 6 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
212 out the word “officer” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- official.

213 SECTION 76. Section 6-4 of said article 6 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
214 out the figure “3” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- three.

215 SECTION 77. Section 6-5 of said article 6 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
216 out the figure “7” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- seven.

217 SECTION 78. Said section 6-5 of article 6 of said charter is further amended by striking  
218 out the figure “3” and inserting in place thereof the following words- three.

219 SECTION 79. Section 6-6 of said article 6 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
220 out the figure “5” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- five.

221 SECTION 80. Said section 6-6 of article 6 of said charter is further amended by striking  
222 out the figure “3” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- three.

223 SECTION 81. Section 6-7 of said article 6 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
224 out the figure “9” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- nine.

225 SECTION 82. Said section 6-7 of said article 6 of said charter is further amended by  
226 striking out the figure “3” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- three.

227 SECTION 83. Section 6-8 of said article 6 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
228 out the figure “5”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the  
229 word:- five.

230 SECTION 84. Said section 6-8 of said article 6 of said charter is further amended by  
231 striking out the figure “4” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- four.

232 SECTION 85. Said section 6-8 of said article 6 of said charter is further amended by  
233 striking out the figure “1” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- one.

234 SECTION 86. Section 6-9 of said article 6 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
235 out the figure “5” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- five.

236 SECTION 87. Said section 6-9 of article 6 of said charter is further amended by striking  
237 out the figure “4” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- four.

238 SECTION 88. Said section 6-9 of article 6 of said charter is further amended by striking  
239 out the figure “3” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- three.

240 SECTION 89. Section 6-10 of said article 6 of said charter is hereby amended by  
241 inserting, after the word “Bourne” in the first sentence, the following word:- public.

242 SECTION 90. Said section 6-10 of article 6 of said charter is further amended by striking  
243 out, in the first sentence, the figure “6” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- six.

244 SECTION 91. Said section 6-10 of article 6 of said charter is further amended by striking  
245 out, in the first sentence, the figure “3” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- three.

246 SECTION 92. Said section 6-10 of article 6 of said charter is further amended by striking  
247 out the second paragraph in its entirety, and inserting in place thereof the following:-

248 a) The trustees shall have the custody and management of the library and all  
249 property of the town related thereto.

250 b) The selection of the library director consistent with the General Laws; and this  
251 charter.

252 c) Provide an annual review of performance of the library director and submit to the  
253 town administrator.

254 d) Review and advise the library director regarding preliminary budget prior to being  
255 submitted

256 to the town administrator’s budget report to the select board.

257 e) All money raised or appropriated by the town for its support and maintenance  
258 shall be  
259 expended by the trustees and all money or property that the town may receive for the  
260 library by gift or bequest shall be administered by the trustees in accordance with the gift or  
261 bequest.

262 f) The trustees will establish and act upon their policies and by-laws consistent with  
263 the General Laws, town by-laws and this charter.

264 g) The trustees of the Jonathan Bourne public library shall have all of the powers and  
265 duties given to boards of library trustees under the Constitution and General Laws and such  
266 additional powers and duties as may be authorized by this charter, by by-law or by other town  
267 meeting vote.

268 SECTION 93. Section 6-11 of said article 6 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
269 out the figure “6” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- six.

270 SECTION 94. Said section 6-11 of article 6 of said charter is further amended by striking  
271 out the figure “5” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- five.

272 SECTION 95. Said section 6-11 of article 6 of said charter is further amended by striking  
273 out the figure “3” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- three.

274 SECTION 96. Said section 6-11 of article 6 of said charter is further amended by striking  
275 out the figure “1” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- one.

276 SECTION 97. Section 6-12 of said article 6 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
277 out the figure “2” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- two.

278 SECTION 98. Said section 6-12 of article 6 of said charter is further amended by striking  
279 out the figure “4” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- four.

280 SECTION 99. Section 7-1 of article 7 of said section 1 of said charter is hereby amended  
281 by striking out the word “program”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each  
282 instance, the following words:- improvement plan.

283 SECTION 100. Said section 7-1 of article 7 of said charter is further amended by striking  
284 the words “capital budget” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- capital  
285 improvement budget.

286 SECTION 101. Said section 7-1 of article 7 of said charter is further amended by  
287 inserting, after the first sentence, the following sentence:- The school committee budget shall be  
288 submitted to the town administrator in sufficient time to enable the town administrator to  
289 consider the effect of the school department’s requested appropriation on the total town budget  
290 and make recommendations on same.

291 SECTION 102. Said section 7-1 of article 7 of said charter is further amended by striking  
292 the words “work programs” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- expected  
293 outcomes, delivery of services, and initiatives.

294 SECTION 103. Said section 7-1 of article 7 of said charter is further amended by striking  
295 the words “capital plan” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- capital  
296 improvement plan.

297 SECTION 104. Said section 7-1 of article 7 of said charter is further amended by striking  
298 the sentence “The school committee budget shall be submitted to the town administrator in



299 sufficient time to enable the town administrator to consider the effect of the school department's  
300 requested appropriation on the total town budget and make recommendations on same."

301 SECTION 105. Section 7-2 of said article 7 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
302 out the word "program", each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the  
303 following word:- plan.

304 SECTION 106. Said section 7-2 of article 7 of said charter is further amended by  
305 inserting, after the word "selectmen", the following words:- ten days.

306 SECTION 107. Said section 7-2 of article 7 of said charter is further amended by striking  
307 out the figure "5" and inserting in place thereof the following word:- five.

308 SECTION 108. Said section 7-2 of article 7 of said charter is further amended by striking  
309 out the words "and the estimated annual cost of operating and maintaining the facilities  
310 included".

311 SECTION 109. Said section 7-2 of article 7 of said charter is further amended by  
312 inserting, after the second sentence, the following sentence:- The first year's budget would be the  
313 capital budget and include the estimated annual cost of operating and maintaining the facilities  
314 included.

315 SECTION 110. Section 7-3 of said article 7 of said charter is hereby amended by  
316 inserting, after the word "annually", a comma followed by the words:- in a format the town  
317 administrator deems desirable or as the select board requires,.

318 SECTION 111. Said section 7-3 of article 7 of said charter is further amended by striking  
319 out the words “Board of Selectmen” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- select  
320 board.

321 SECTION 112. Said section 7-3 of article 7 of said charter is further amended by striking  
322 out the figure “5” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- five.

323 SECTION 113. The first sentence of section 7-4 of said article 7 of said charter is hereby  
324 amended by striking out the word “program”, each time it appears, and inserting in place thereof,  
325 in each instance, the following word:- plan.

326 SECTION 114. Said first sentence of section 7-4 of said article 7 of said charter is further  
327 amended by striking out the words “capital budget” each time they appear, and inserting in place  
328 thereof, in each instance, the following words:- capital improvement budget.

329 SECTION 115. Said section 7-4 of article 7 of said charter is further amended by striking  
330 out the figure “1” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- one.

331 SECTION 116. Said section 7-4 of article 7 of said charter is further amended by striking  
332 out the words “capital budgets” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- capital  
333 improvement budgets.

334 SECTION 117. Said section 7-4 of article 7 of said charter is further amended by striking  
335 out the figure “21” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- 20.

336 SECTION 118. The third paragraph of said section 7-4 of article 7 of said charter is  
337 hereby amended by striking out the word “program” and inserting in place thereof the following  
338 word:- budget.

339 SECTION 119. Subsection (b) of section 8-1 of article 8 of said section 1 of said charter  
340 is hereby amended by striking out the figure “5” and inserting in place thereof the following  
341 word:- five.

342 SECTION 120. Said subsection (b) of section 8-1 of article 8 of said charter is further  
343 amended by striking out the word “immediately”.

344 SECTION 121. Said subsection (b) of section 8-1 of article 8 of said charter is further  
345 amended by inserting, after the second sentence, the following sentence:- The select board may  
346 extend time to the charter review committee by majority vote to meet the duties and  
347 responsibilities of article LXXXIX enacted to implement said article LXXXIX.

348 SECTION 122. Section 8-5 of said article 8 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
349 out the word “officers” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- officials.

350 SECTION 123. The caption of section 8-6 of said article 8 of said charter is hereby  
351 amended by striking out the words “Multiple Member Bodies” and inserting in place thereof the  
352 following words:- Governmental Bodies

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354 SECTION 124. Said section 8-6 of said article 8 of said charter is further amended by  
355 striking out the words “multiple member bodies”, wherever they appear, and inserting in place  
356 thereof, in each instance, the following words:- governmental bodies.

357 SECTION 125. Said section 8-6 of said article 8 of said charter is further amended by  
358 striking out the words “multiple member body”, wherever they appear, and inserting in place  
359 thereof, in each instance, the following words:- governmental body.

360 SECTION 126 Subsection (c) of said section 8-6 of article 8 of said charter is further  
361 amended by inserting, after the first sentence, the following sentences:- The Open Meeting Law  
362 requires public bodies to create and approve minutes in a timely

363 manner. A “timely manner” is considered to be within the next three public body  
364 meetings or 30 days from the date of the meeting, whichever is later, unless the public body can  
365 show good cause for further delay.

366 SECTION 127. Said subsection (c) of section 8-6 of article 8 of said charter is further  
367 amended by striking the last period and inserting, after the word “clerk”, a comma followed by  
368 the words:- once approved by the governmental body as outlined above.

369 SECTION 128. Said section 8-6 of article 8 of said charter is further amended by striking  
370 out the text of subsection (d) and inserting in place thereof the following words:- Meetings of the  
371 select board, the school committee, the board of health and the planning board shall be televised,  
372 recorded, livestreamed or broadcasted on the local cable channel or recorded and posted on the  
373 town’s website. The town shall choose the most effective method but technical difficulties with  
374 equipment shall not cause a meeting to be postponed.

375 SECTION 129. Section 8-7 of said article 8 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
376 out the text of the article and inserting in place thereof the following words:- In computing times  
377 under this charter, “days” will be defined as calendar days unless otherwise specified.

378 SECTION 130. Said article 8 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out section 8-  
379 8 in its entirety.

380 SECTION 131. Section 8-9 of said article 8 of said charter is hereby amended by  
381 inserting, alphabetically among the existing definitions, the following definitions:-

382 “Governmental Body”, means any federal, state, local, municipal or other government;  
383 any governmental, regulatory or administrative agency, commission or other authority lawfully  
384 exercising or entitled to exercise any administrative, executive, judicial, legislative, police,  
385 regulatory or taxing authority or power; and any court or governmental tribunal.

386 “Gender Neutrality”, any reference to gender in this charter shall be construed as  
387 meaning any person, people, individual or individuals.

388 “Local Comprehensive Plan”, is an important planning tool used to guide the growth and  
389 direction of the town while balancing a wide variety of needs, including economic growth,  
390 protection of environmental resources, quality of life and community character.

391 “Strategic Plan”, the long-term vision, goals and objectives for the town of Bourne  
392 codified in a document accepted by the select board.

393 SECTION 132. Said section 8-9 of article 8 of said charter is further amended by  
394 inserting, after the word “Bourne” in the definition of the word “Library”, the following word:-  
395 public.

396 SECTION 133. Said section 8-9 of article 8 of said charter is further amended by striking  
397 the words “Town officer” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- Town official.

398 SECTION 134. Section 9-2 of article 9 of said section 1 of said charter is hereby  
399 amended by striking the figure “1” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- one.

400 SECTION 135. Said section 9-2 of article 9 of said charter is further amended by striking  
401 the figure “5” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- five.

402 SECTION 136. Section 9-3 of said article 9 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
403 out the figure “5” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- five.

404 SECTION 137. Section 9-4 of said article 9 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
405 out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- Any official whose  
406 recall is sought may be a candidate for re-election to the same office, and, unless the individual  
407 requests otherwise in writing, the town clerk shall place that official’s name on the ballot without  
408 nomination.

409 SECTION 138. Section 9-5 of said article 9 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
410 the figure “5” and inserting in place thereof the following word:- five.

411 SECTION 139. Section 9-6 of said article 9 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
412 the word “officer”, wherever it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the  
413 following word:- official.

414 SECTION 140. Section 9-7 of said article 9 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
415 out the figure “6”, wherever it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the  
416 following word:- six.

417 SECTION 141. Section 9-8 of said article 9 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
418 out the figure “1”, and inserting in place thereof the following word:- one.

419 SECTION 142. Section 10-2 of article 10 of said section 1 of said charter is hereby  
420 amended by striking out the word “officers” and inserting in place thereof the following word:-  
421 officials.

422 SECTION 143. Section 10-3 of said article 10 of said charter is hereby amended by  
423 striking out the word “his”, wherever it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance,  
424 the following word:- their.

425 SECTION 144. Said article 10 of said charter is further amended by striking out section  
426 10-5 in its entirety.

427 SECTION 145. Article 11 of said section 1 of said charter is hereby amended by striking  
428 out the figure “7”, wherever it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the  
429 following word:- seven.

430 SECTION 146. Said article 11 of said charter is further amended by striking out the  
431 figure “3”, wherever it appears, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the following  
432 word:- three.

433 SECTION 147. The first paragraph of said article 11 of said charter is further amended  
434 by striking out the words “board or committee” and inserting in place thereof the following  
435 words:- governmental body.

436 SECTION 148. The second paragraph of said article 11 of said charter is further amended  
437 by striking out the words “board or committee” and inserting in place thereof the following  
438 words:- governmental body.

439 SECTION 149. The first sentence of the third paragraph of said article 11 of said charter  
440 is further amended by striking out the word “committee” and inserting in place thereof the  
441 following words:- governmental body.

442 SECTION 150. The fourth paragraph of said article 11 of said charter is further amended  
443 by striking out the words “board or committee” and inserting in place thereof the following  
444 words:- or governmental body.

445 SECTION 151. The fifth paragraph of said article 11 of said charter is further amended  
446 by striking out the words “board or committee” and inserting in place thereof the following  
447 words:- or governmental body.

448 SECTION 152:- Said chapter 117 of the acts of 2012, is hereby amended by striking out  
449 the words “board of selectmen”, each time they appear, and inserting in place thereof, in each  
450 instance, the following words:- select board.

451 SECTION 153. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.