

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CHARTER OF THE  
TOWN OF BENNINGTON

SELECT BOARD  
TOWN OF BENNINGTON, VERMONT

6:00 P.M.  
JANUARY 29, 2018  
FEBRUARY 5, 2018

BENNINGTON FIRE FACILITY  
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM - 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR  
130 RIVER STREET  
BENNINGTON, VT 05201

Notice is herewith given that the Select Board shall hold Public Hearings at the above time, dates and place to hear comments on the following amendment to the Charter of the Town of Bennington proposed by petition:

A new section is proposed to be added to the Bennington Charter, 24A V.S.A. Chapter 103, as follows:

**§ 103-407. Mayoral form of government**

**(a) In lieu of a town manager, the voters may adopt a mayoral form of government, by vote at a duly-warned annual meeting, warned pursuant to a petition signed by five percent of the voters or on the Selectboard's own motion. Once a vote in favor of this form of government is successful, the voters shall elect a mayor at the next annual meeting. Once the mayor takes office, the Town Manager system of governance shall end for Bennington.**

**(b) The mayor shall be responsible for the management of the administrative affairs of the Town, in the same manner and with the same powers and responsibilities as the Town Manager, as stated in statute and this charter.**

**(c) The mayor shall have the power to make or break a tie, and shall have the power to veto any action of the Selectboard.**

**(d) The mayor shall serve as the voice of the Town of Bennington, taking responsibility for implementing the policies of the Selectboard, leading the Town toward greater prosperity and a healthy economy, and a better life for all its residents.**

**Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> Day of January, 2018, by the Bennington Select Board:**

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Thomas H. Jacobs, Chair

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Chad Gordon

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Donald Campbell, Vice Chair

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Jeannette Jenkins

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