

## **Town of Somers – Charter Revision Commission**

### **DRAFT of EXPLANATORY TEXT LOCAL BALLOT QUESTIONS – CHARTER REVISION State General Election – November 4, 2025**

**Ballot Question No. 5: Shall appointments to fill mid-term vacancies change from “until the next election” to “the end of the elected term”?**

**EXPLANATORY TEXT: The question asks shall appointments to fill mid-term vacancies change from “until the next election” to “the end of the elected term in accordance with the recommendation set forth in the final report of the bipartisan Town Charter Revision Commission? The question requires a choice: YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_**

Under the current Town Charter, an appointee to a vacancy in an elective office shall serve until a successor, elected at a special election or at the next regular town election qualifies. The Charter Revision Commission proposed revision recommends that the appointee selected to fill an unexpired term shall serve the remainder of the term, negating the need for a special election or an election to fill a partial term.

**SPECIFIC CHARTER CHANGES NEEDED**