

Town of Somers – Charter Revision Commission

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

Ballot Question No. 6: Shall the language in Section 5-18 Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council be modernized to change all references of “Civil Preparedness” to “Emergency Preparedness” and change all references of “Superintendent of Highways” to “Director of Public Works”, and add the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Leader to the advisory council?

EXPLANATORY TEXT: The question asks shall the language in Section 5-18 Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council be modernized to change all references of “Civil Preparedness” to “Emergency Preparedness” and change all references of “Superintendent of Highways” to “Director of Public Works”, and add the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Leader to the advisory council 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, Section 5-18 is titled “Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council”, but the language throughout the section still uses the word “Civil” instead of “Emergency”, references the “Superintendent of Highways” instead of “Director of Public Works”, and does not reference the participation of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Leader. The Charter Revision Commission proposed revision, at the request of the Emergency Preparedness Advisory Council, recommends modernizing the language to correctly refer to the advisory council and those who serve.

SPECIFIC CHARTER CHANGES NEEDED