

# CHAPTER VI - ELECTIVE OFFICIALS AND BOARDS

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## Section 6-1. General

The provisions of Chapter II shall govern the election of Town and State Officers.

Except as otherwise provided in this Charter, all Elective Officers and Boards shall have the powers and duties prescribed for such Officers in the General Statutes. The terms of office of all Elective Officers and members of Boards (except the Town Clerk) shall commence on the second Tuesday following the Election and they shall continue to hold office until their successors have been chosen and qualified.

## Section 6-2. Town Officers

At each biennial Town Election, the following officers shall be elected, all for a term of two years:

- a. A Board of Selectmen, consisting of a First Selectman and two (2) other Selectmen. The votes for the unsuccessful candidate for First Selectman shall be counted as votes for said candidate as a member of the Board, provided, however, that no elector shall be a candidate for both the office of First Selectman and that of Selectman.
- b. One Town Clerk; term commences the first Monday of January following the Election.
- c. One Tax Collector
- d. One Town Treasurer
- e. Eight Constables, four (4) from each party.

## Section 6-3. State Mandated Officials

At each State Election, the following shall be elected:

- a. Two (2) Registrars of Voters, one (1) from each party, said terms to commence on the first Monday in January after their election.
- b. One (1) Judge of Probate
- c. Twenty-two (22) Justices of the Peace from each major party and twenty-two (22) from a minor party or unaffiliated voters. Said terms to commence on the first Monday in January after their election.

## Section 6-4. Board of Education

- A. The Board of Education shall consist of seven (7) members each of whom shall be elected for the term of four (4) years.
- B. At each biennial town election, the voters shall be able to vote for the full number to be elected: each political party may nominate the full number to be elected, to wit: three (3) candidates nominated before the election November 1999, and four (4) candidates nominated before the election November 2001 and so alternating at each biennial election. The provisions of this section shall comply with Section 2-5a and the State Statutes on minority representation.
- C. In the event of a vacancy on said Board, the remaining members of the Board nominated by the same political party as the member whose place has become vacant shall be empowered to fill the vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term. In the event that a vacancy still exists after the passage of sixty (60) days, the Board of Selectmen shall be empowered to fill said vacancy.
- D. Upon their election, the members of the Board shall organize and select a chairman and a secretary, who shall not be members of the same political party.

E. Four (4) members of said board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business.

F. Except as otherwise provided by this Charter, the Board of Education shall perform duties and have such powers as are or may be imposed or vested by the General Statutes upon Boards of Education. It shall perform all acts required of said Board by the Town and those acts necessary to carry into effect the powers and duties imposed upon said Board by law.

#### **Section 6-5. Board of Finance**

A. The Board of Finance shall consist of six (6) members, each of whom shall be elected for a term of six (6) years pursuant to the Special Act Creating a Board of Finance in the Town of Stonington Approved March 28, 1933.

B. The Board of Finance shall have all powers and duties prescribed by the General Statutes insofar as they do not conflict with the provisions of this Charter.

C. The Board of Finance shall cause an annual audit to be made of the accounts and finances of the Town.

#### **Section 6-6. Board of Assessment Appeals**

The Board of Assessment Appeals shall consist of three (3) members each of whom shall be elected for a term of four (4) years. The members shall serve overlapping terms.

The Board of Assessment Appeals shall have all powers and duties prescribed by the General Statutes to review and adjust assessments of property, and such other powers as may be prescribed in said Statutes