



TOWN OF TRURO

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Dear Truro Voter,

At the April 25, 2023 Annual Town Meeting, under Article 42, two-thirds of those present and voting approved an amendment to the Town Charter to address the appointing authority for the Library Director. The Attorney General's Office approved the amendment. Accordingly, state law, General Laws Chapter 43B, Section 11, requires the amendment to appear as a ballot question at the May 29, 2024 Annual Town Election for your vote of final approval. The law also requires that the Select Board mail the proposed Charter amendment to the households of all voters.

The amendment to the Charter approved under Article 42 added the underlined text to Section 5-4-2, which section addresses the appointing authority of the Town Manager, as follows:

5-4-2 After consultation with the Select Board, the Town Manager shall appoint all Department Heads, which are those positions reporting directly to the Town Manager. The Town Manager shall appoint the Library Director after consultation with the Board of Library Trustees. All such appointments shall be subject to disapproval by a majority vote of the Select Board provided that such vote is taken prior to the date of the offer. This section does not apply to appointment authority granted to the Select Board in accordance with section 4-3-1 of this Charter.

The question and summary that will appear on the ballot at the May 29, 2024 Annual Town Election provides as follows:

Shall the Town of Truro approve the charter amendment proposed by Town Meeting summarized below?

SUMMARY:

The proposed Charter amendment, approved under Article 42 of the April 25, 2023 Annual Town Meeting, will amend Chapter 5, Section 4-2, to authorize the Town Manager to appoint the Library Director only after consultation with the Board of Library Trustees.

On Wednesday, May 29, 2024, Election Day, the polls will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. For more information regarding the Annual Town Election warrant, in-person early voting, early voting by mail and absentee ballots, information is available on the Town Clerk's page at <https://www.truro-ma.gov/town-clerk>. Please also feel free to contact the Town Clerk or the Town Manager at 508-349-7004.

Truro Select Board