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Message from the First Selectman, John E. Adams **Concerning the 2012 Charter Revisions**

A Charter Revision Commission consisting of nine members of our community, duly appointed by the Board of Selectmen, have met 22 times, held two Public Hearings and a Public Input Session during the last 12 months to consider revisions to the Town of Granby Charter. The Commission has thoughtfully considered fourteen conceptual revisions to the Charter in addition to many grammatical revisions. Some revisions have been necessary to comply with Connecticut State Statutes. The revisions have been deliberative and transparent.

The *2012 Charter Revisions and Explanations* outlining the proposed revisions to the Town of Granby Charter can be viewed by using the link provided in the previous document. As you will note most changes are grammatical in nature. Where a change is substantive, an explanation has been provided by the Charter Revision Commission.

There will be two questions on the November 2012 ballot concerning revisions to the Charter.

Question #1

Shall the proposed amendments to the Charter, excluding the proposed amendments to Sections 10-5(b), 10-5(c), 10-5(d), 10-5(e), 11-1 and 11-3 (the excluded sections having to do with the adoption of the annual town budget by automatic referendum), be approved and adopted?

Voting "YES" on question #1 indicates you support the revisions to the Charter exclusive of revisions to the process for adoption of an annual town budget. Voting "NO" indicates you do not support these revisions. Please understand that where the current Charter is in conflict with State of Connecticut Statutes, the Statutes would prevail even in the absence of an affirmative (YES) vote to adopt these revisions.

Question #2

Shall the proposed amendments to sections 10-5(b), 10-5(c), 10-5(d), 10-5(e), 11-1 and 11-3 (the sections proposing that the annual town budget be adopted by automatic referendum) be approved and adopted?

Voting "YES" on question #2 indicates you support revising the Annual Town Budget adoption process to have annual budgets be adopted by referendum (a.k.a. machine) vote of the eligible voters of the Town of Granby. Voting "NO" indicates you support the current process of adopting the Annual Town Budget which permits the budget to be adopted at a Town Meeting by a two thirds vote provided that a quorum of 230 eligible voters have registered to vote at the Town Meeting. Under the current process if the Town Meeting does not adopt the budget or a quorum

is not achieved, the budget is voted on by a referendum (a.k.a. machine) vote the Monday following the Town Meeting where a simple majority is required to adopt the budget.

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Each question is independent of the other questions. Hence you may vote differently on each question.

Please contact the Town Manager's Office or me if you have questions concerning the revisions or the process.

My thanks to the Charter Revision Commission for their hard work and to you for taking the time to understand the proposed revisions and for voting this November.

Respectfully Submitted,

John E. Adams
First Selectman