

Town of Essex Charter – proposed Recall provision (new item for Charter)

*Final adoption by Selectboard on 1/30/23*

**§ 117-###. Recall of Selectboard Members**

(a) A petition signed by fifteen percent of the registered voters of the municipality, based upon the total number of registered voters at the last preceding municipal election, demanding the recall of the Selectboard member or members cited in the petition shall be filed with the Town Clerk.

(b) Within 60 days of receiving a valid petition, the Selectboard shall call a special meeting or, if annual meeting is within 60 days, include a question on the annual Town meeting ballot, to vote on whether the elected officer shall be removed. The vote shall be held by Australian ballot.

(c) The Selectboard member shall be removed only if at least as many registered voters of the Town vote as voted in the election wherein the officer was elected, or at least one-third of the registered voters of the Town vote, whichever is greater, and a majority of that number vote for removal. The Selectboard member or members shall be removed from office immediately and the Selectboard shall then name a successor in accordance with the replacement provisions of this charter.

(d) A recall petition shall not be brought against an individual more than once within 12 months.