

TOWN OF BRADFORD
NOTICE OF FIRST AND SECOND PUBLIC HEARINGS ON A PROPOSED
CHARTER AMENDMENT

Pursuant to the requirements of 17 V.S.A. Sec. 2645, the public hearings concerning a proposed amendment to the Town of Bradford Charter will be held on Wednesday, October 14th, 2026 and Tuesday, October 20th, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in Room 26 at the Bradford Academy Building in Bradford, VT, and will also be streamed via Zoom.

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Meeting ID: 852 6760 6298

Passcode: 100316

The following charter amendment is proposed to be voted on Tuesday, November, 3rd, 2026 by Australian Ballot at the General Election.

"Shall the voters approve the following amendment to the Town Charter?"

The voters of the Town of Bradford hereby amend the Charter of the Town of Bradford, Title 24, Appendix, Chapter 106, as follows:

1. Add a new § 209 to Subchapter 2 to read:

§ 209. Recall of elected municipal officers. Any elected municipal officer of the Town of Bradford, except justices of the peace, may be recalled by the voters in accordance with this section.

(a) Initiation of recall petition. A recall shall be initiated by a written petition signed by not less than 15 percent of the registered voters of the Town, as determined by the most recent voter checklist. The petition shall clearly state the name of the officer sought to be recalled and the office held. No statement of cause shall be required.

(b) Certification of petition. Within seven business days of filing, the Town Clerk shall examine the petition and certify whether it contains the required number of valid signatures.

(c) Warning of recall vote. Upon certification of a sufficient petition, the Selectboard shall warn a recall vote to be conducted by Australian ballot, to occur within 60 days of certification, or at the next annual or special Town meeting if such meeting occurs within that period.

(d) Required public informational meeting. At least seven days but not more than fifteen days prior to the recall vote, the Selectboard shall hold a public informational meeting. At this meeting, the officer who is the subject of the recall petition and representatives of the petitioners seeking recall shall each be afforded a reasonable opportunity to present information and respond to questions from voters.

(e) Ballot question. The ballot shall read substantially as follows: "Shall [name], holding the office of [office], be recalled from office?"

(f) Vote required for recall. The officer shall be recalled only if both of the following conditions are met: (1) the number of ballots cast on the recall question is at least equal to the number of votes cast in the election at which the officer was elected, or at least one-third of the registered voters of the Town, whichever is greater; and (2) at least two-thirds of the ballots cast on the recall question vote in favor of recall.

(g) Effect of recall. Upon a successful recall vote, the office shall be declared vacant immediately and shall be filled as provided by law.

(h) Limitations on recall. No recall petition may be filed within the first six months of an officer's term, within the final six months of an officer's term, or more than once during the same term of office for the same officer.

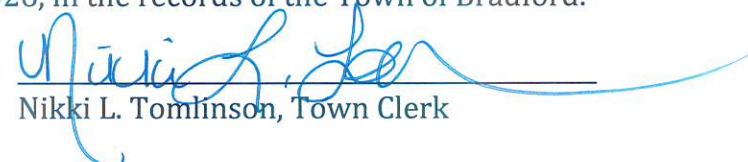
* Material underlined added

These Charter amendments are proposed to be voted on November 3, 2026, at General Election. An official copy of the proposed Charter amendment will be posted for public viewing and available for review in or proximate to the Town Clerk's Office in the Bradford Academy Auditorium at the above-referenced address. Copies of the proposed Charter amendments will be made available at the Town Clerk's Office upon request and will be posted on the Town's website www.bradford-vt.us.

Dated at Bradford, Vermont, *September 18th*, 2026.


Meroa Benjamin, Chair of the Selectboard

Received for record this on *September 21*, 2026, in the records of the Town of Bradford.


Nikki L. Tomlinson, Town Clerk

Posted at: Town Clerk's Office, Bradford Academy, Bliss Village Store, Community Bank, and Bradford Post Office.