

ARTICLE 19:

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Amend Chapter 3, Section 6, of the Town Charter as follows:

3-6-1 The Director of the Department of Public Works shall be appointed by the Town Manager. ~~and shall be a civil engineer or any other combination of experience and education including a Masters Degree in a related field.~~ The Director of the Department of Public Works shall be qualified by education and experience *including a Master's Degree in a related field* for the duties of the office,

Or take any other action relative thereto.

CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION: Approval (Unanimous, 13-0-0)

The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 19. Approval of this article will remove the requirement that the DPW Director be a Civil Engineer. While this requirement may have served the Town well in the past, the Town now has several engineers on staff to meet its needs and the requirement appears to be obsolete for a town the size of Plymouth. The change will allow the Town Manger to appoint an individual with management and/or project management experience that are of greater importance for this position as Plymouth grows.

Plymouth Charter Review Committee 2015

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This may be an obsolete requirement, presently the town has several engineers on staff.

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CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE 2015

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