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MEMO

TO: Charter Commission

FROM: Mayor Roxann Wedegartner

CC:

DATE: 6/23/2020

RE: Comments and Changes to Article 3, Executive Branch of the Greenfield Charter

I do not have a lot of changes that I would see as necessary to this section of the Charter. Here are my thoughts and suggestions.

- (a) Qualifications – Revise the second sentence to read: *Any registered voter and resident of the City of Greenfield shall be eligible to hold the office of Mayor.*

Rationale: The current language lacks necessary specificity. Under it you could have a voter from Montague, Deerfield, Orange...etc. It is essential that we be specific that it be a Greenfield resident. I also added “registered” to clarify that it’s not enough that you voted once upon a time in your life or that you are registered in another community (say Florida), you must be a registered Greenfield voter.

- (c) Compensation: Remove this sentence.

Rationale: I don’t think this belongs in the Charter at all, and certainly not with a specified amount. If you think it’s necessary to put in that it is a paid position, then more general language is important. It could say *The Mayor receives compensation commensurate with the position.* I will not belabor this recommendation with a discussion of what is an appropriate compensation for a Mayor.

This year the City Council removed the \$70K minimum from the Code. Frankly, I think you could simply change the title of (d) and make the language of (d) the language of (c).

All other sections under Article 3 as written are essential to governing all aspects of our city by the Mayor.



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