

## 7 - What happens if the Charter Commission's recommendations do not pass?

If Question 1 fails, town meeting prevails.

There seems to be some misconceptions about what happens if the Charter Commission's recommendations do not pass on April 10th. By state law, a Charter Commission is provided 18 months to present its best and **final** recommendation. It is an all-or-nothing proposition. There are no second chances, no do-overs, no tweaks, or alternatives presented at a later date.

30 days after the election, the Charter Commission's term ends. And the opportunity to get rid of town meeting goes with it-probably for the foreseeable future.

An elected Charter Commission is one of only two ways available by law to change the form of government and it's the only option that puts the process entirely in the control of voters. It is an arduous, nearly 3-year task from petition to final ballot. The only reason to form a Charter Commission is to seriously consider a change in the form of a town's government. Everything else in the charter are details that can be changed in the future via far easier avenues.

So, the only question that matters is whether you think town meeting is working for Norton.