

Dove: Proposed reforms explained

Editor of The Register Citizen:

My purpose is to inform taxpayers of the town of Winchester the intent of my ideas to the Charter Revision Committee. The ideas are based on the premise that Winchester maintains a town manager form of government.

As an overview, your town manager should communicate, plan, and be accountable to the Board of Selectmen. To be accountable, any manager requires the authority to perform the job. The duties of the manager should be clear by charter.

Ideas regarding the accomplishment of the above are meant to stimulate discussion. The discussion will result in the achievement of a charter document to ensure the efficient use of your tax dollars and the maintenance of the public services you need and deserve. I submitted ideas because I was asked to. Any idea can be accepted, rejected, or amended. It is the process of discussion that is of value.

A problem you face as taxpayers is that you are not kept informed. The town manager should keep you informed. The main avenue available is the press. The local paper has the widest circulation and the written word can be gone over and over at your leisure. A newspaper column costs money. I presented an idea that the town finance a column.