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Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, the department of mental retardation shall establish a sick leave bank for Patricia Hiersche, an employee of the department. Any employee of the department may voluntarily contribute 1 or more sick, personal or vacation days to the sick leave bank for use by Patricia Hiersche. Whenever Patricia Hiersche terminates employment with the department or requests to dissolve the sick leave bank, any remaining time in the sick leave bank shall be transferred to the extended illness leave bank.

Approved January 17, 2008.

Chapter 7. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF WESTBOROUGH.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2-2 of the charter of the town of Westborough, which is on file in the office of the archivist of the commonwealth, as provided in section 12 of chapter 43B of the General Laws, is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-The moderator shall, at the first session of each annual and special town meeting, appoint a deputy moderator to serve in the event of his absence or disability; provided, however, that the town meeting shall ratify the appointment.

SECTION 2. Section 2-8 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the sixth sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-Additional copies of all warrants shall be available for distribution in the office of the town clerk before the date on which the town meeting is to convene and that complies with the General Laws.

SECTION 3. Section 3-2 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out subsection (d) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

(d) The board of selectmen shall, appoint for fixed terms, the town accountant, the animal control officer, the town's representatives to the wastewater treatment plant board, the treasurer-collector, the constables and the election officers. The board of selectmen shall appoint, for fixed overlapping terms, the members of the board of appeals, registrars of voters, conservation commission, recreation commission, committee for soldiers' memorials, council on aging, country club operating committee, cultural council, emergency planning committee, historical commission, housing partnership committee, insurance advisory committee, open space preservation committee and the youth commission. The board of selectmen shall appoint, for terms not to exceed 3 years, a director of veterans' services, a town counsel, a town coordinator, a manager of public works, a fire chief and a police chief.

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The board of selectmen shall appoint members of other special or standing commissions or committees as may, from time to time, be established by the town meeting.

SECTION 4. Section 3-3 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out subsection (d) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

(d) The moderator shall appoint for fixed overlapping terms members of the advisory finance committee, members of the personnel board, 2 members of the capital expenditures planning committee and such other committees special or standing as may from time to time be established with the moderator as appointing authority, such that the terms of office of as nearly an equal number of members as possible shall expire in each year.

SECTION 5. Subsection (a) of section 4-2 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- He shall appoint the assessors, board of health, building inspector, wiring inspector, plumbing inspector and sexual harassment officer subject to the civil service laws, where applicable.

SECTION 6. Section 6-6 of said charter is hereby amended by striking out the last paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

The capital expenditures planning committee shall be composed of the treasurer-collector; 1 member of the advisory finance committee, appointed by the advisory committee; 1 member of the planning board, appointed by the planning board; 1 member of the board of selectmen, appointed by the board; 1 member of the school committee, appointed by the school committee; and 2 additional members appointed by the moderator for staggered 3-year terms. Vacancies shall be filled for unexpired terms in the manner of the original appointments.

Approved January 17, 2008.

Chapter 8. AN ACT VALIDATING CERTAIN ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TOWN OF ABINGTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 10 of chapter 39 of the General Laws or any other general or special law or by-law to the contrary, all actions and proceedings taken by the town of Abington at the special town meeting held on November 5, 2007 and all votes cast by the voters of the town of Abington at the special town election held on November 10, 2007, including the votes to exempt from the provisions of section 21C of chapter 59 of the General Laws the amounts required to pay for the bonds to be issued in order to finance the replacement of doors and windows at the Abington High School and the acquisition of a parcel of land and any buildings thereon and the remodeling, original equipping and furnishing of any such buildings for use as a senior center, are hereby ratified, validated and confirmed in all respects, notwithstanding any defects or omissions in the calling of said town meeting or town election.