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employees and by contracting with qualified architectural/engineering firms.

The Engineering Department shall certify that all subdivision, sewerage and other such plans and specifications required by town bylaws conform to such bylaws and shall be responsible for maintenance of assessors' and town maps and certification of plans and specifications for public works construction projects. The Engineering Department shall provide on site inspection to assure proper construction performance in accordance with subdivision plans and site plan approvals made by the Board of Appeals. The Engineering Department shall also provide engineering and other technical assistance to the Selectmen, Planning Board, Board of Health, or any other town board or commission reasonably requesting such service.

In addition, the Engineering Department shall have final approval, responsibility for all plans and specifications relating to new construction and/or alterations or modifications of any existing structure and shall supervise the maintenance and repair, other than normal custodial duties, of all town owned buildings. Buildings assigned to the school committee shall be specifically exempted from the provisions of this paragraph.

When reasonably requested, the department shall supply engineering information to the town meeting.

SECTION 2. Article 3-2-3 of said charter which is on file in said office of the archivist of the commonwealth is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the town of Marshfield in the form of the following question which shall be placed on the ballot for the election of officers at an annual town meeting held in said town:-

"Shall an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred and eighty-three, entitled 'An Act amending the charter of the town of Marshfield', be accepted?"

If a majority of the votes cast in answer to said question is in the affirmative, this act shall take effect, but not otherwise.

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Chap. 433. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF CLINTON TO RECALL ELECTED OFFICIALS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Any holder of an elective office in the town of

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Clinton may be recalled therefrom by the qualified voters of the town as herein provided.

SECTION 2. Any qualified voter of the town may make and file with the town clerk an affidavit containing the name of the officer sought to be removed and a statement of the grounds of removal. Said town clerk shall thereupon deliver to the voters making such affidavit a sufficient number of copies of petition blanks demanding such recall. Said blanks shall be issued by the town clerk with his signature and official seal attached thereto; they shall be dated and addressed to the selectmen of said town, shall contain the name of the person to whom issued, the number of blanks so issued, the name of the person sought to be recalled, the office from which recall is sought, the grounds of recall as stated in said affidavit, and shall demand the election of a successor to such office. A copy of the petition shall be entered in a record book to be kept in the office of the town clerk. Said recall petition shall be returned and filed with the town clerk within thirty days after the filing of the affidavit. Said petition before being returned and filed shall be signed by fifteen per cent of the qualified voters, and to every signature shall be added the place of residence of the signer, giving the street and number. The recall petition shall be submitted, at or before five o'clock in the afternoon of the Saturday preceding the day on which it must be filed, to the registrars of voters in the town, and the registrars shall forthwith certify thereon the number of signatures which are names of voters of said town.

SECTION 3. If the petition shall be found and certified by the town clerk to be sufficient, he shall submit the same with his certificate to said selectmen without delay, and said selectmen shall forthwith give written notice to said officer of the receipt of said certificate and shall, if the officer sought to be removed does not resign within five days thereafter, thereupon order an election to be held on a Tuesday fixed by them not less than sixty nor more than seventy days after the date of the town clerk's certificate that a sufficient petition is filed; provided, however, that if any other town election is to occur within ninety days after the date of said certificate, the selectmen may, in their discretion, postpone the holding of the removal election to the date of such other election. If a vacancy occurs in said office after a recall election has been so ordered, the election shall nevertheless proceed as provided in this section.

SECTION 4. Any officer sought to be recalled may be a candidate to succeed himself and, unless he requests otherwise in writing, the town clerk shall place his name on the official

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ballot without nomination. The nomination of other candidates, the publication of the warrant for the recall election, and the conduct of the same, shall all be in accordance with the provisions of law relating to elections, unless otherwise provided in this act. A majority of those voting at the recall election shall be sufficient to recall such elected officer; provided, however, that at least thirty per cent of those persons qualified to vote, do so.

SECTION 5. The incumbent shall continue to perform the duties of his office until the recall election. If then re-elected, he shall continue in office for the remainder of his unexpired term, subject to recall as before, except as provided in section seven. If not re-elected in the recall election, he shall be deemed removed upon the qualification of his successor, who shall hold office during the unexpired term. If the successor fails to qualify within five days after receiving notification of his election, the incumbent shall thereupon be deemed removed and the office vacant.

SECTION 6. Ballots used in a removal election shall submit the following propositions in the order indicated:

For the removal of (name of officer).

Against the removal of (name of officer).

Immediately at the right of each proposition there shall be a square in which the voter, by making a cross mark (X) may vote for either of such propositions. Under the proposition shall appear the word "Candidates" and the direction "Vote for one" and beneath this the names of candidates nominated as herein-before provided.

If a majority of the votes cast on the recall question is in the affirmative, then the candidate that received the highest number of votes in the special election to fill the vacancy shall be elected. If a majority of the votes on the question is in the negative, the ballots for candidates to fill the potential vacancy need not be counted.

SECTION 7. No removal petition shall be filed against an officer within three months after he takes office nor within three months of the end of his term nor in the case of an officer subjected to a recall election and not removed thereby, until at least three months after that election.

SECTION 8. No person who has been removed from an office or who has resigned from office while removal proceedings were pending against him, shall be appointed to any town office within two years after such removal or such resignation.

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