

the town treasurer shall be kept separate from any other moneys, funds or property of the town, and the principal and interest thereof shall be expended at the direction of the recreation commission, without further appropriation, in such manner and at such times as shall in the discretion of the recreation commission best serve and promote the purposes for which such commission was established, the provisions of section fifty-three of chapter forty-four of the General Laws notwithstanding.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by a majority of the town meeting members of the town of Watertown present and voting thereon at a meeting legally called for the purpose. *Approved February 8, 1956.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CIVIL SERVICE STATUS OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT. *Chap. 53*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the town of Swampscott at any regular or special meeting is hereby authorized to grant civil service status and seniority rights to all employees of the department of public works, upon the effective date of its establishment. The employees of such departments as may be taken over or succeeded to by the department of public works shall be transferred to said department with civil service status and seniority rights. The following departments with their employees shall be so transferred. to wit: — park, cemetery, engineering, water, sewer and highway departments, including the following individuals; surveyor of highways, superintendent of parks, superintendent of cemeteries, superintendent of water department, superintendent of sewer department, town engineer and assistant town engineer. Any employee not having civil service status at the time of said transfer, except employees holding positions classified in the labor service of the civil service classification, shall be required to pass a qualifying examination to be given by the division of civil service. Upon passing said examination such employee shall be certified for the office or position which he holds and shall be deemed to be permanently appointed thereto without being required to serve any probationary period.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved February 8, 1956.*

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR NON-PARTISAN TOWN ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF CANTON. *Chap. 54*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. No primary or caucus for the nomination of town officers in the town of Canton shall be held. No ballot used at any regular or special town election in said town shall

have printed thereon any party or political designation or mark, and there shall not be appended to the name of any candidate any such political designation or mark.

SECTION 2. Except as otherwise provided in this act, the laws of the commonwealth governing town elections, special elections of town officers and special elections in towns, shall, so far as applicable, govern such elections in the town of Canton.

SECTION 3. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the town of Canton at the annual town meeting to be held in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-six, in the form of the following question which shall be printed on the official ballot used for the election of town officers: — “Shall an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-six, entitled ‘An Act providing for non-partisan town elections in the town of Canton’, be accepted?” If a majority of the voters voting thereon vote in the affirmative in answer to said question, this act shall thereupon take full effect, but not otherwise. *Approved February 8, 1956.*

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*Chap. 55* AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SELECTMEN-MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT IN THE TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. *Acceptance.* — This act shall be submitted for acceptance to the qualified voters of the town of Williamstown at the annual town election or the biennial state election following the passage of this act, whichever occurs first. The vote shall be taken by ballot in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, so far as the same shall be applicable, in answer to the following question which shall be placed upon the ballot to be used at said election: — “Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-six, entitled ‘An act establishing the selectmen-manager form of government in the town of Williamstown’, be accepted?” If a majority of the voters voting on this question vote in the affirmative, this act shall take effect immediately in so far as it relates to the ensuing annual town election, and shall take full effect upon the qualification of a majority of the selectmen first elected as provided in this act.

If this act is rejected by the qualified voters of the town when first submitted it shall again be submitted to the said voters at the next following annual town election, and if accepted by a majority of voters voting thereon it shall take effect as hereinbefore provided. If the majority of voters voting on this question when so further submitted, shall vote in the negative this act thereupon shall become void.

SECTION 2. *By-Laws.* — All laws, by-laws, votes, rules and regulations in force in the town of Williamstown on the effective date of this act, not inconsistent with its provisions, whether enacted by authority of the town, or any other au-