



Framingham Charter Commission

May resident questionnaire

The nine members of the Charter Commission, created and elected by the voters of Framingham at our last municipal election, respectfully ask for your thoughts and ideas on how to make our community the best place to live, learn, work and play. Please take a moment to answer these brief questions and share your comments:

1. What precinct do you live in (leave blank if you are unsure): _____
2. Do you wish to be updated electronically of Charter Commission actions/discussions? If so please neatly write your preferred email address here. _____

Note: this email will not be shared with any other part of the government or with any private groups.

3. How do you feel about Framingham's current government? Do you think that Framingham's government is generally heading in the right direction or do you feel that things are generally on the wrong track? (**circle one**)

Right Direction

Wrong Track

Unsure

4. Based on what you think right now, which of these basic forms of municipal government should Framingham have? (**circle one**)

Please keep in mind that we realize each of these forms of government has their specific details that may affect your preferences, such as length of terms, specific responsibilities, etc. These are structures we will ask about in future surveys.

- A) A Council and a Mayor to oversee day to day operations
- B) A Council that appoints a Manager to oversee day-to-day operations:
- C) Representative Town Meeting, Selectmen and Manager
- D) Unsure / no preference at this point

5. Governments can be designed in many ways. Please rank the following eight traits in order of your priority for Framingham's government: (**1 being the highest priority and 8 being the lowest**)

REMEMBER TO USE EACH NUMBER ONLY ONE TIME-WE REALIZE THIS MAY BE DIFFICULT

- ___ The government should be able to make decisions quickly
- ___ Each geographic region of Framingham should be represented equally
- ___ We should have a clear leader to represent the community
- ___ Power/responsibilities should be spread so that no one person/group has the majority of the power
- ___ There should be many ways for residents to participate in the government
- ___ Decisions should be made in as open and transparent way as possible
- ___ Citizens should be able to bring decisions they are unhappy with directly to the voters
- ___ There should be ways to make sure that leaders are accountable to the public

6. Do you have other thoughts about the **structure of Framingham's government that you wish the Charter Commission to know/consider**? These can be thoughts about either the current version or thoughts about what you wish to see. Please share thoughts on the back:

Please note this is asking about government structure and is NOT the appropriate place to discuss specific people or issues and that responses that reference specific people will be discarded. Those issues are best addressed with members of the current government, i.e. the Board of Selectman, Town Manager, Town Meeting, School Committee, etc.