

# Participate in the Future of Our Town

**Orange Special Town Meeting**  
**Monday, January 12, 2026**  
**7 p.m. at the Town Hall**  
**Ruth B. Smith Auditorium**

An important opportunity lies ahead for Orange voters at an upcoming special town meeting scheduled for Monday, January 12.

The warrant will include a proposal for the town to adopt a charter form of government that would change and modernize the organizational structure and operation of local government.

Please attend....every voter and every vote matters.

## **A Quick Primer on the Charter**

The charter proposal, developed over the past several months by a 12-member advisory committee appointed by the Select Board, is designed to:

- Make town government more professional, effective and responsive
- Improve efficiency, accountability, customer service and citizen participation
- Retain open town meeting and other key aspects of the current government structure
- Create a strong town manager role to serve as chief administrative officer and direct day-to-day operations
- Reduce costs through increased efficiency, tighter fiscal controls, and better utilization of staff and resources
- Enable the Select Board to focus on policy and broad, high-impact issues

As always with town meeting, the charter adoption decision rests with the voters. Come be part of the democratic process on an issue that will shape the town's future: **Monday, January 12 at 7 p.m. at the town hall.**

## **For More Information**

You can find more information – including a copy of the proposed charter, an overview presentation, and a set of Frequently Asked Questions – by looking under the NEWS section on the home page of the Town of Orange website ([www.townoforange.org](http://www.townoforange.org)).

## **Charter Advisory Committee**

Tom Sexton, Chair	Casey Bashaw
Fred Heyes, Vice Chair	Pamela Oddy
Lisa Aldrich, Clerk	George Willard
Nancy Blackmer	Tony Leger
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