

# **Bylaws of the Greenwich Republican Town Committee**

## **ARTICLE I**

### **PURPOSES**

To effectuate the principles of good government of the Republican Party, to encourage full participation in Party affairs by Party members, to promote the success of its candidates at the polls and to direct Party effort and activities, the following rules are adopted as the rules of the Republican Party of the Town of Greenwich insofar as they shall not conflict with any provision of law or with the Convention and Committee Rules of the Republican Party of the State of Connecticut.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **DEFINITION OF TERMS**

Wherever used herein, the masculine pronoun shall include the feminine, the singular shall include the plural, and the plural shall include the singular, and when computing time, the date of the primary or election shall not be included in the computation. If the day specified shall fall on a Sunday or legal holiday, or on a date when no newspaper is published, the following day on which a newspaper is published shall be the designated day. Any reference in these rules to an hour of day shall refer to Standard Time or Daylight Saving Time, whichever prevails in the Town of Greenwich at the time in question. Any reference in these rules to a newspaper shall mean any newspaper published in or having a substantial circulation in the Town.

## **ARTICLE III REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE**

### **Section 1. Functions and Duties.**

The Republican Town Committee shall be the official organization of the Republican Party of the Town of Greenwich, and shall be charged with the administration and direction of the affairs of the Party in the Town. The duties and powers of the Town Committee shall include but shall not be limited to: nomination of Party-endorsed candidates for municipal and Other elective offices, delegations to Party conventions and for Town Committee membership in the manner hereinafter provided; direction of general election campaigns; encouragement of affiliation of electors with the Republican Party; sponsorship, supervision and encouragement of constructive Party activities; and collection, administration and disbursement of Party funds received by it.

### **Section 2. Composition of Town Committee**

The Republican Town Committee shall consist of enrolled members of the Republican Party, elected as hereinafter provided. In addition, the Republican Selectmen of the Town, the Town Clerk (if Republican), the Tax Collector (if Republican), the Chairman of the Board of Education (if Republican), the Chairman of the Board of Estimate and Taxation (if Republican), the Republican Registrar of Voters, the members of the Republican State Central Committee from the Town of Greenwich, the Republican Senator and Representatives in the General Assembly of the State from

the Town or any District which includes the Town, the Chairman of the State Central Committee, the members of the Republican National Committee from the State of Connecticut and any officers of the Republican Town Committee who are not elected members thereof and Presidents of Republican Clubs in the Town of Greenwich, shall be members ex-officio of the Town Committee without vote.

Each voting district may appoint five times as many associate members as there are Town Committee members in the district. Associate members shall be eligible to attend all meetings of the RTC, but without vote unless holding a proxy from an elected member. Associate members shall serve until the next election of RTC members.

### **Section 3. Election of Members of Town Committee.**

The Town Committee shall be elected from the several voting districts of the Town as hereinafter provided.

Each district shall be allotted at least four members of the Committee. In addition, each district shall be allotted one member of the Committee for each full five hundred votes cast in each such district for the Republican candidate receiving the greatest number of votes in which the Town Committee is to be elected.

In the event of a change of boundaries in any voting district after the general election which immediately precedes any primary at which a new Town Committee is to be elected, the Town Committee shall allocate the number of members of the new Town Committee to be elected from each of such districts in such a way as fairly to reflect the changes in number of Republican voters in such districts.

### **Section 4. Terms.**

The terms of Town Committee members shall start on the first Monday following the date of the primary set in connection with their election in the event of a contest, and they shall serve for two years or until their successors shall have been chosen, unless their terms are sooner continued for more than twenty-six (26) months.

### **Section 5. Financial Organization.**

(a) Treasurer. The Town Committee shall elect a "Campaign Treasurer" (as defined in Chapter 150 of the General Statutes of Connecticut). Said Campaign Treasurer shall also serve as the Treasurer of the Town Committee. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse moneys on behalf of the Town Committee. All disbursements shall be in accordance with the budgets duly approved by the Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall present a financial report to the Executive Committee and Town Committee annually, and on a quarterly basis pursuant to Chapter 150 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, The Treasurer shall also file with the Secretary of the State such statements or reports required to be filed under Chapter 150 of the General Statutes of Connecticut,

(b) Assistant Treasurer. The Chairman of the Town Committee shall appoint a "Deputy Campaign Treasurer" (as defined in Chapter 150 of the General Statutes of Connecticut), to serve in the capacity of the Treasurer in the event the Treasurer is unable for any reason to perform his

duties. Said Deputy Campaign Treasurer shall also serve as the Assistant Treasurer of the Town Committee, and shall perform such duties as the Treasurer may direct.

(c) Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. No person shall act as Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer unless after his appointment a statement designating him as "Campaign Treasurer" or "Deputy Campaign Treasurer", signed by the Secretary of the State. The statements shall also designate the period during which such Treasurer-ship shall continue.

(d) Solicitors. The Treasurer may, from time to time appoint Solicitors to receive, but not to disburse, moneys on behalf of the Town Committee, Each Solicitor shall be responsible for filing with the Treasurer a list of all contributions and depositing with the Treasurer all contributions received by him within the time limits set forth in Chapter 150 of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

(e) Greenwich Republican Finance Committee. A Finance Committee shall be appointed in the manner set forth in Article IX, to be known as the Greenwich Republican Finance Committee.

## ARTICLE IV

### SELECTION OF PARTY-ENDORSED CANDIDATES.

#### Section 1. Endorsement of Candidates.

(a) Party-endorsed candidates for municipal and other elective offices, Town Committee members and delegates to conventions shall be selected by the Town Committee in the manner provided by law and these rules, except that party-endorsed candidates for the lower house of the General Assembly shall be selected by only those members of the Town Committee in the particular political subdivisions or assembly districts which said candidates will represent.

(b) Before endorsing any such candidate, the Town Committee or the endorsing members thereof shall obtain appropriate assurance from the candidate that the candidate will not support or endorse any candidate in opposition to a candidate so endorsed by the Republican Town Committee for the same election.

(c) Any election or similar process by which the Town Committee selects, adopts or endorses candidates for municipal or state elective offices or party platform issues shall be made and conducted only by open roll call vote or other publicly recorded vote, with the individual Committee member votes openly and immediately recorded, and any such selection or endorsement made by any form of secret ballot or vote by which an individual Committee member vote is unknown and unrecorded at the time of the vote shall be void; provided, however, this requirement may be waived in any of those elections in which there is one candidate only and it is requested by a member of the Town Committee that such candidate be elected or nominated unanimously by voice vote.

#### Section 2. Endorsement by Districts for Town Committee

In the selection of party-endorsed candidates for membership of the Town Committee from any district, only the enrolled members of the Republican Party from such district may participate, in caucus, except that in the event of a tie vote, such tie shall be dissolved by majority vote at a subsequent duly convened meeting of the full Town Committee. The meeting may be held in person, or by video communication, or a hybrid of in-person and video communication.

No member who failed to attend in person 50% of the duly noticed meetings of the Town Committee held during the first twenty months of the current term (or, in the case of members joining the Town Committee after the first meeting of the current term, 50% of such meetings since joining the Town Committee and within the first twenty months of the current term) shall be eligible for re-endorsement membership during the next succeeding term.

### **Section 3. Form of Ballot.**

In the event of a primary for the election to the Town Committee, the ballot in each of the several districts shall include only the names of candidates to be voted upon by the residents of such districts.

### **Section 4. Filling of Vacancies in Endorsements.**

Subject to the provisions of Section 2 above and Section 3 of Article VIII, the Town Committee shall fill all vacancies in party endorsements and nominations in the manner provided by law and the Convention and Committee Rules of the Republican Party of the State of Connecticut, provided that candidates for such vacancies be selected in accordance with Article IV above.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **TIMES FOR PRIMARIES & ENDORSEMENTS**

#### **Section 1. Members of Town Committee.**

(a) Primary. The date for primaries for the election of Town Committee members shall be the first Tuesday of March in the even numbered years (Sec, 9-425) or as directed by State Statutes.

(b) Endorsements. Party-endorsed candidates set for Town Committee membership shall be selected at district caucuses held not earlier than the 42nd day nor later than the 40th day preceding the primary date. The Town Chairman shall designate one date for all of the districts' caucuses at least thirty (30) days in advance and shall give public notice thereof, Each district leader shall designate the place and hour for the district caucus, Not less than seven (7) nor more than twenty-one (21) days preceding the caucuses, the Chairman shall cause a second notice thereof to be published at least once in a local newspaper.

**Section 2. Delegates.**

Endorsements and primaries for delegates to State and District Conventions shall be made and held on dates established therefore by the State Central Committee.

**Section 3. Elective Offices.**

(a) Primary. The day for holding primaries for the nomination of party-endorsed candidates for town/state office shall be the fifty-sixth day preceding the day of the election.

(b) Endorsements. The Chairman shall set the date for the selection of party-endorsed candidates for all elective offices not earlier than the forty-second (42nd) day nor later than the fortieth (40th) day preceding the primary, except that the State Central Committee sets the date for selection of party-endorsed candidates for State Senator.

**Section 4. Filing Endorsements.**

The names of party-endorsed candidates shall be filed with the Town Clerk no later than the thirty-ninth (39th) day preceding the date of the primary by the Chairman or presiding officer and the Secretary of the Town Committee, except that when such thirty-ninth day is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday such filing shall take place no later than the next succeeding business day.

**Section 5. Polling Hours.**

The polling places for primaries shall remain open for voting from 12 noon to 8 o'clock p.m.

**ARTICLE VI**

**ORGANIZATION OF REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE**

**Section 1. First Meeting of Town Committee.**

Within fourteen days after the election of the Town Committee, it shall meet at the call of the previous Committee Chairman. The meeting may be held in person, or by video communication, or a hybrid of in-person and video communication.

At least seven days before such meeting the members of the Town Committee from each of the districts shall select one of their number to serve on the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall thereupon convene, and shall present a slate of nominees for the offices of chairman, two Vice-chairmen, Secretary and Treasurer. Only the newly elected Executive Committee members shall vote on the slate of nominees. Upon the presentation of the nominations the election to these offices shall be held at once. The chairman may appoint an Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer which shall be non-voting offices.

## **Section 2. Officers of Town Committee.**

(a) Only a member of the Town Committee shall serve as Chairman. The other offices may be filled by persons who are not members of the Town Committee, provided that any such other officer is elected by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members present or by proxy at a duly convened meeting of the Town Committee.

(b) The officers shall have the following duties:

(i) Chairman: In addition to those duties otherwise described herein, the Chairman's duties shall also include attending senatorial district and congressional district meetings, attending and conducting Town Committee meetings and securing a report from the state central committee member.

(ii) Vice Chairmen: The Vice Chairmen's duties shall include attending senatorial district, congressional district, and Town Committee meetings. Upon the occurrence of a vacancy in the office of Chairman, the Vice Chairmen shall also be responsible for determining the time, date and place for a meeting to select a new Chairman, which meeting shall be called by either Vice Chairman after the vacancy occurs. If either Vice Chairman does not issue the call for the meeting within two weeks of the vacancy, the state central committee member shall call such meeting.

(iii) Treasurer: In addition to those duties described in Article III Section 5, the Treasurer shall also give a financial report at each Town Committee meeting, and ensure compliance with election finance laws by the Town Committee and instruct and assist various campaign treasurers with compliance.

(iv) Secretary: The Secretary's duties shall include:

(A) notifying the town chair, Town Committee members, and state committee members of the time, date and place of each Town Committee meeting;

(B) keeping a record of minutes of each Town Committee meeting and see that such minutes of each meeting are acted upon by the Town Committee;

(C) keeping accurate attendance records of Town Committee meetings and reporting upon the same to the Town Committee biannually as well as indicating absences in the minutes of each Town Committee meeting;

(D) furnishing to the state party chair at least every six months a list of dates and places of all Town Committee meetings held during the previous six months;

(E) furnishing to the state party chair at least annually a list of Town Committee officers and notify the state party chair of changes as they occur;

(F) sending true and accurate copies of local party rules and any amendments to such rules to the state party chair, indicating the date on which they were adopted, within fifteen days of such adoption.

### **Section 3. Terms.**

Each officer shall hold office for two years or until his successor shall have been duly elected and qualified, but not more than twenty-six (26) months. His term shall terminate sooner whenever he shall resign his office or cease to be a resident of the Town of Greenwich, or cease to be an enrolled member of the Republican Party or, in the case of the Chairman, if he ceases to be a member of the Town Committee.

### **Section 4. Loss of Membership in Town Committee.**

Any elected member of the Town Committee shall cease to be a member forthwith if he ceases to be an enrolled member of the Republican Party or if he ceases to be a resident of the voting district from which he was elected. However, in the case of changes in district lines during his term, said member shall continue to serve as a member of the Town Committee from such district until the next election of Town Committee members as set forth in Article, V Section I; or until otherwise replaced as a Town Committee member as provided for in other sections of these rules.

In the event that any Town Committee member resigns prior to the end of his term, such member shall not be eligible for membership on the Town Committee for the remainder of the calendar year in which said resignation becomes effective.

### **Section 5. Filling of Vacancies in Town Committee.**

Vacancies in the membership of the Republican Town Committee shall be filled by the members of the Town Committee from the district in which such vacancy occurs. In the event of a tie vote in any district, such tie shall be dissolved by a majority vote of the members present in person, by video communication, a hybrid of in person and video communication, or by proxy at the subsequent duly convened meeting of the Town Committee.

A person so chosen to fill such a vacancy shall have all the rights, privileges, duties and responsibilities of an elected member of the Town Committee, and all provisions of these Rules pertaining to elected members of the Town Committee shall be applicable to members so Chosen.

### **Section 6. Meetings of Town Committee.**

The Town Committee shall meet at least twice in each calendar quarter. Meetings of the Town Committee may be called by the Chairman at any time, and shall be called by him/her within ten days after receiving a written request therefore signed by ten members of the Town Committee and stating the purpose for which the meeting is to be called. All Town Committee meetings shall be open to the public unless the Town Committee shall by a majority vote elect to go into executive session. All meetings of the Town Committee may be held in person, or by video communication, or a hybrid of in-person and video communication.

## **Section 7. Notice of Meetings.**

Notice of meetings of the Town Committee shall be written, and shall be given at least seven days before the date of meeting, unless it is impossible or impracticable to do so, in which case at least three days' notice shall be given, except that at least five days' notice shall be given for meetings for endorsements and amendments of these rules. All notices shall state the purpose of the meetings.

## **Section 8. Quorum**

A majority of the members of the Town Committee eligible to vote when present in person, by video communication, a hybrid of in person and video communication, or by proxy shall constitute a quorum, except that for the endorsement of candidates for public office, delegates or Town Committee members, a majority of the members of the Town Committee eligible to vote when present in person, by video communication or a hybrid of in person and video communication, shall constitute a quorum.

## **Section 9. Voting at Meetings of Town Committee.**

Voting at meetings of the Town Committee shall be by voice vote unless otherwise voted by a majority of the voting members present in person, by video communication, a hybrid of in person and video communication, or by proxy.

On all votes taken at meetings of the Town Committee each member of the Town Committee, including the Chairman and other officers if they are elected members, shall have one vote, and in the event of a tie vote, the chairman or other presiding shall have the tie-breaking vote, but he cannot exercise a proxy to create a tie.

Voting for endorsement or selection of candidates for public elective office or for adoption of issues shall be in accordance with the provisions of Article IV.

## **Section 10. Proxies.**

Any elected member of the Town Committee may designate any enrolled Republican of the Town of Greenwich from his district to represent him as proxy in any meeting of the Town Committee, except as to endorsement of candidates for public office, delegates or Town Committee members, but no person shall represent more than one member as proxy in any one meeting, and no person prohibited by these rules from Town Committee members shall be entitled to exercise a proxy. All proxies shall be in writing and shall be filed with the Secretary prior to voting.

## **Section 11. Rules of Order.**

All matters of procedure not specifically covered herein shall be determined by the rules set forth in Robert's Rules of Order Revised.

## **Section 12. Disputes.**

Any disputes regarding qualifications of members or apportionments thereof among the districts, qualifications of officers, procedures or rules, shall be resolved by the Town Committee.



**Section 13. Removal of Town Committee Officers.**

(a) The Chairman or any other officer of the Town Committee may be removed by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3<sup>rds</sup>) of the entire authorized membership of the Town Committee at a duly warned meeting called for that purpose by one-third (1/3<sup>rd</sup>) of the members of the Town Committee.

(b) Not less than five (5) days written notice shall be given of any meeting called under subsection (a) of this section.

(c) Proxy voting shall not be permitted in any meeting held under subsection (a) of this section.

**ARTICLE VII**

**DISTRICT ORGANIZATION**

**Section 1. Selection of District Leader.**

Prior to the organization meeting of the Town Committee the members of the Town Committee from each district respectively shall select from their number the leader of such district, except that in the event of a tie vote in any district, such leader shall be selected by the Town Committee. District members may meet in person, by video communication, or a hybrid of in person and video communication.

Any vacancy in the position of District Leader shall be filled in the same manner. The term of office of each District Leader shall coincide with the period for which he was elected to the Republican Town Committee, provided that he may be removed at any time by a majority vote of the remaining members of his district present in person, by video communication or a hybrid of in person and video communication, at a meeting duly convened for that purpose.

**Section 2. Duties of District Leader.**

The District Leader shall be responsible for seeing that the Republican Party in his district makes diligent efforts to: (1) turn out the largest possible Republican vote in local, state and national elections, (2) raise funds for the Republican Party annually, (3) increase the number of registered voters and enrolled Republicans in the district, (4) keep Republican officials posted on the needs of his district for services and facilities, and (5) inform his constituents of the accomplishments of the Republican officeholders.

The District Leader shall also be responsible for: (1) the training of his organization in "precinct" political work, (2) the coordination of the work done for the Party in his district by the various recognized Republican Clubs, (3) annual budgeting of district expenditures, and (4) all other responsibilities usual to the administration and operation of an efficient district political organization.

**Section 3. Selection of Executive Committee Member.**

Prior to the organization meeting of the Town Committee the members of the Town Committee from each district respectively shall select from their number a member to represent such district on the Executive Committee, except that in the event of a tie vote in any district such member shall be selected by the Town Committee.

Any vacancy in the Executive Committee shall be filled in the same manner. The term of office of each member of the Executive Committee shall coincide with the period for which he was elected to the Republican Town Committee, provided that he may be removed at any time by a majority vote of the remaining members of his district present in person at a meeting, video communication, or a hybrid of in person and video communication, duly convened for that purpose. Said Executive Committee member may also serve as District Leader.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN COMMITTEE**

#### **Section 1. Composition of the Executive Committee.**

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairmen, Secretary and Treasurer of the Town Committee, and one member from each of the voting districts selected as provided in Article VII, Section 3. In addition, all district leaders, and all ex-officio members of the Town Committee (as listed in Article III Section 2), shall be members ex-officio of the Executive Committee without vote. Meetings, meetings by video communication, or a hybrid of in person and video communication, of the Executive Committee shall be closed to non-Executive Committee members, except at the invitation of the Chairman.

#### **Section 2. Officers of the Executive Committee.**

The Chairman, Vice-Chairmen and Secretary of the Republican Town Committee shall be the Chairman, Vice Chairmen and Secretary of the Executive Committee,

#### **Section 3. Powers of the Executive Committee.**

The Executive Committee shall be the nominating Committee, the Committee on Vacancies, the Policy Making Committee and the Platform Committee of the Republican Town Committee. Whenever the Executive Committee or any subcommittee thereof shall consider the candidacy of any of its members for public office, such member shall absent himself from any discussion and vote thereon. The acts of the Executive Committee shall be subject to the approval of the Town Committee, except when acting as the Committee on Vacancies with respect to vacancies occurring within ten days prior to a Primary.

#### **Section 4. Meetings of Executive Committee.**

The Executive Committee shall hold monthly meetings except in August and December, the time and place thereof to be decided by vote of the Committee. Meetings of the Executive Committee may be held either in person, by video communication, or a hybrid of in person and video communication. The Chairman may also call special meetings of the Executive Committee. Special

meetings may be held either in person, by video communication or a hybrid of in person and video communication.

### **Section 5. Notice of Meetings**

Notice of meetings of the Executive Committee shall be written, and shall be given at least seven days before the date of the meeting, unless it is impossible or impractical to do so. All notices shall state the purposes of the meetings.

### **Section 6. Quorum.**

A Majority of the members of the Executive Committee when present in person, by video communication, a hybrid of in person and video communication, or by proxy shall constitute a quorum.

### **Section 7. Voting at Meetings of Executive Meeting.**

(a) Voting at meetings of the Executive Committee shall be by voice vote unless otherwise voted by a majority of the members present in person, by video communication, a hybrid of in person and video communication, or by proxy, subject to the provisions of subparagraph c. herein.

(b) On all votes taken at meetings of the Executive Committee each member, including all officers, regardless of whether or not they are elected members of the Republican Town Committee, shall be entitled to one vote. In the event of a tie, the Chairman or other presiding officer shall have an additional tie-breaking vote, but he cannot exercise a proxy to create a tie.

(c) Any election or similar process by which the Town Committee Executive Committee selects, adopts, recommends or endorses candidates for consideration by the Town Committee for municipal or state elective offices or party platform issues shall be made and conducted only by open roll call vote or other publicly recorded vote, with the individual Executive Committee member votes openly and immediately recorded, and any such selection or endorsement made by any form of secret ballot or vote by which an individual Committee member vote is unknown and unrecorded at the time of the vote shall be void. Provided, however, this requirement may be waived in any of those elections in which there is one candidate only and it is requested by a member of the Executive Committee that such candidate be elected or nominated unanimously by voice vote.

### **Section 8. Proxies**

A District member of the Executive Committee may designate another elected member of the Town Committee from his District to represent him as a proxy in any meeting of the Executive Committee. No person shall represent more than one member as proxy in any one meeting, AH proxies shall be in writing and shall be filed with the Secretary prior to voting,

## ARTICLE IX

### OTHER COMMITTEES OF THE TOWN COMMITTEE

#### Section 1. Committees to be appointed.

The district members shall select and appoint the following four committees:

Legislative and Rules Committee

Voter Registration Committee

Publicity and Public Affairs Committee

Finance Committee

The Executive Committee may create and appoint such other committees as may seem advisable.

#### Section 2. Members of Committees.

All members of committees shall be elected members or associate members of the Republican Town Committee. A district shall not be limited in the number of district members or associate members who can serve on any committee; however, at the request of the District Leader, at least one member or associate member of that District shall become a member of the committee that they have requested.

#### Section 3. Legislative and Rules Committee.

The Legislative and Rules Committee shall (i) consider and study such legislation affecting the Town as may be referred to it by the Chairman, the Town Committee, or the Executive Committee; (ii) recommend, propose or prepare legislation which it may deem to be necessary or beneficial to the Town; (iii) upon request and through its Chairman, advise the Chairman or other officers of the Town Committee or other Committees thereof on matters of order and parliamentary law and procedure, and (iv) when so directed by the Town Committee, undertake studies of these rules with a view to amendment or revision as hereinafter provided, and shall study any petitions submitted for amendment or revision of these rules as hereinafter provided, and shall report thereon to the Executive Committee.

#### Section 4. Voter Registration Committee.

The Voter Registration Committee shall be responsible for the registration of new voters and enrollments in the Republican Party on the basis of the entire town.

#### Section 5. Publicity and Public Affairs Committee.

The Publicity and Public Affairs Committee shall (i) have charge of all Republican publicity and submit to the Finance Committee a proposed budget for each year upon order of the Executive Committee; (ii) keep record of Party actions and prepare a record that will be informative and useful in elections; and (iii) publicize the deeds of Party officials throughout the year which are informative to the public and create good will and esteem for the Party.

### **Section 6. Finance Committee.**

The Greenwich Republican Finance Committee shall serve as the Finance Committee of the Town Committee, with the responsibility of collecting money for the Town Committee through those members designated by the Treasurer as Solicitors pursuant to Article III, Section 5 (d).

### **Section 6. Meetings of Committees**

Meetings of Committees may be held from time to time, at the discretion of the Committee Chair, and may be held in person, by video communication, or a hybrid of in person and video communication.

## **ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS**

### **Section 1. Amendments by Town Committee.**

These rules may be amended or revised by a majority vote of the members of the Republican Town Committee present in person, by video communication, or a hybrid of in person and video communication, or by proxy at a meeting duly convened for that purpose; and a copy of any amendment or revision proposed by the Executive Committee or the Rules Committee shall be included by the Secretary with the notice of such meeting. The meeting may be held in person, by video communication, or a hybrid of in person and video communication.

Such Committee shall cause notice of its adoption of such amendment or revision to be published once in at least one newspaper. Any such amendment or revision shall be deemed adopted on the thirty-first day after its first publication in a newspaper, unless within such time a petition has been filed opposing such amendment or revision as provided in Section 2 of this article.

If a petition as provided in Section 2 of this Article is submitted in opposition to some but not all of the amendments adopted by the Town Committee, balloting at the caucus as provided in this Article shall be only upon the amendment or amendments which are opposed by said petition, and the amendment or amendments which are not opposed shall be deemed adopted as provided in this Section.

### **Section 2. Petitions with Respect to Amendments.**

A petition signed by at least 5% or 500, whichever is less, of the enrolled members of the Republican Party of the Town of Greenwich, or by such number as may hereafter be required by the general statutes of the State of Connecticut, may be filed with the Registrar of Voters, proposing specific amendments to these rules, or opposing any amendment or revision voted by the Town

Committee, or both. The petition shall include a statement of the amendment or amendments which are proposed by the petitioners, or the amendment or amendments or revision proposed by the Town Committee which are opposed by the petitioners, or both. Each signature on any such petition shall be certified as genuine by the person who obtained such signature.

### **Section 3. Consideration of New Amendments by Town Committee.**

Upon receipt of a petition proposing an amendment or amendments and not opposing any amendment or amendments adopted by the Town Committee, a special meeting of the Town Committee shall be called forthwith to vote upon the adoption of such proposed amendment or amendments. The special meeting may be held in person, by video communication, or a hybrid of in person and video communication. If the Town Committee shall vote to adopt such amendment or amendments without change as provided in Section 1 of this Article or with a change or changes acceptable to a majority of the petitioners present at a meeting called for that purpose by publication of a notice thereof, the procedure outlined in this Article to be followed after such adoption shall apply. The Chairman of the Town Committee shall cause notice of any such meeting of petitioners to be published at least three days prior thereto in a newspaper. A quorum at any such meeting shall consist of those petitioners who shall be present at the convening thereof.

### **Section 4. Notice of Caucus.**

If a petition shall be filed opposing any amendment or revision adopted by the Town Committee, or if a petition be filed proposing any amendment and the Town Committee shall have failed to adopt such amendment at the meeting convened for consideration thereof without change or with change acceptable to a majority of the petitioners present at a meeting called for that purpose, a caucus shall be held to vote upon the amendment proposed by the Town Committee or by such petition, The Chairman shall forthwith cause a notice of such caucus, setting forth the content of the petition but not including the names of the signer's thereof, and the change, if any, in the amendment contained in the petition which was adopted by the Town Committee to be published at least once in each of two successive weeks in at least one newspaper.

### **Section 5. Time and Place of Caucus.**

The Town Committee shall designate a suitable time and place or places for holding of any caucus conducted under this Article. The caucus may be held in person, by video communication, or a hybrid of in person and video communication.

### **Section 6. Form of Ballot.**

The ballot to be used in any caucus conducted under this Article shall set forth any amendment or amendments or revision adopted by the Town Committee and which are opposed by petition on the left hand side thereof under a suitable designation. Any amendment or amendments submitted in opposition thereto shall be set forth on the right hand side of said ballot under a suitable designation, except that if the amendment or revision adopted by the Town Committee is opposed but no substitute amendment is proposed, the right hand side of the ballot shall provide a space to record a vote against the adoption of the amendment or revision adopted by the Town Committee. If an amendment shall have been proposed by a petition and shall have failed of adoption and shall provide for a choice between acceptance of the proposed amendment and its rejection. If an amendment shall have been

proposed by petition and the Town Committee shall have adopted it with a change or changes not acceptable to the meeting of petitioners as set forth In Section 3 of this Article, the ballot shall set forth the proposed amendment and the change therein adopted by the Town Committee, and shall provide for recording a choice between the amendment as proposed and as changed by the Town Committee.

#### **Section 7. Effective Dates for Amendments.**

Amendments or revisions of these Rules shall become effective sixty days after the same have been filed with the Secretary of the State in the manner provided by Section 9-374 of the General Statutes or any amendment thereof.

Rules filed with the Secretary of the State November 30, 1976 (revised). Amendments filed after adoption on these respective dates: April 26, 1978; September 26, 1979; March 26, 1980.

Rules filed with the Secretary of the State April 22, 1983. Amendments adopted by Republican Town Committee March 23, 1983.

Rules filed with the Secretary of the State May 6, 1983. Amendment adopted by Republican Town Committee April 27, 1983.

Rules filed with the Secretary of the State March 8, 1994; Amendments adopted by the Republican Town Committee February 26, 1994,

Rules filed with the Secretary of State August 12, 1997; Amendments adopted by the Republican Town Committee July 12, 1997.

Rules filed with the Secretary of State December 23, 2010; Amendments adopted by the Republican Town Committee May 26, 2010.

Rules filed with the Secretary of State May 20, 2021; Amendments adopted by the Republican Town Committee May 19, 2021

Rules filed with the Secretary of the State March 29, 2022; Amendments adopted by the Republican Town Committee March 23, 2022