

## Article 6: Charter Amendment 5:

Shall the Town of Salem approve Charter Amendment 5 to amend Section 9.1.2 to modify the staggering of terms for members of the Conservation Commission.

Recommendations: Town Council:

Budget Committee: N/A

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Summary: Due to an amendment in 2024, the appointment of alternates was inadvertently modified to create term lengths inconsistent with regular member appointments and RSA 36-A. The proposed amendment would make the appointment of regular and alternate members consistent with the statute.

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Explanation: Matter added to current Charter appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current Charter appears [in brackets and struck through].

9.1.2 Conservation Commission There shall be a Conservation Commission which shall consist of seven (7) members ***and up to five (5) alternate members*** appointed by the Council. [~~There shall also be up to five (5) alternate appointed members appointed in the same way as regularly appointed members, except no more than one alternate appointed member's term shall expire in a single year.~~] A vacancy occurring otherwise than by expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as an original appointment. ***The Conservation Commission shall operate and be organized in accordance with RSA 36-A, as amended, and any applicable municipal ordinances and policies.***