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**To:** Reading Residents, Businesses and Interested Parties  
**From:** Robert W. LeLacheur, Jr. CFA  
**Date:** October 23, 2014  
**RE:** Charter Committee Information Session

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On Monday, October 27, 2014 the Charter Committee invites everyone to attend a meeting at 7:30pm at the Coolidge Middle School Multipurpose Room (89 Birch Meadow Drive).

Over one year ago Moderator Alan Foulds, upon the Instruction of Town Meeting, formed a Charter Committee whose purpose was to simplify, clarify and modernize the Reading Home Rule Charter, first created over twenty-five years ago. The Committee is composed of all Town Meeting members that volunteered for this project, listed below.

The Charter Committee has held several public meetings to discuss and debate what changes would be beneficial to make at this time. They held one well-advertised and attended Information Session nearer to the beginning of their work, and received significant feedback that formed the basis for many suggested changes. Next Monday they are offering the public one last chance to review the proposed changes before the Committee votes on the final results.

A Special Town Meeting will be called by the Board of Selectman to meet on Monday, January 5, 2015 (and continue on Tuesday and Wednesday as needed) that will discuss these changes. There will be a total of five Articles presented. The first Article is the bulk of the suggested changes, and if approved by Town Meeting they will then be presented to the Reading voters at the April 2015 local election for final approval. The remaining four Articles concern certain suggested election changes, and if approved by Town Meeting would then be sent to the State Legislature for approval.

For further information, please review the work by the Committee at <http://www.readingma.gov/ad-hoc-committees/pages/charter-review-committee>. Note that the links titled Current Draft Version (voted changes shown) and Current Draft Version (clean copy shown) contain all the information that will be discussed on Monday night.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to send those along to me at the email address shown above, and I will be glad to pass them to the Charter Committee. We look forward to seeing you!

Sent on behalf of the Charter Committee,  
Alan Foulds, non-voting Chair

William Brown	Precinct 8	Janice Jones	Prct 5	Jeffrey Struble	Prct 7
John Carpenter	Prct 7	Philip Pacino	Prct 5	Paul Sylvester	Prct 3
Richard Coco	Prct 4	Philip Rushworth	Prct 5	Carolyn Whiting	Prct 7
Stephen Crook	Prct 2	Margaret Russell	Prct 3		
Glen Hartzler	Prct 4	John Segalla	Prct 7		