

Town of Chesterville Recall of Selectmen Ordinance

- A. Any Selectman representing the Town of Chesterville may be recalled and removed from office by the qualified voters of the Town of Chesterville as herein provided.
- B. 10 percent or more of the voters of the municipality in the last gubernatorial election may make and file with the Town Clerk an original petition containing the name, or names of the Selectman or Selectmen whose removal is sought, and a general statement of the reasons why such removal is desired. The Town Clerk shall thereupon prepare petition blanks for such removal consisting of a copy of the original petition and the general statement printed thereon or attached thereto, which petition blanks shall also contain the signature of said Town Clerk, shall contain the Town's official seal, shall be dated as of the day the petition was filed with the Town Clerk, shall be addressed to the Board of Selectmen, and shall contain the name or names of the person or persons whose removal is sought. The Town Clerk shall file said petition blanks and shall during office hours for the next 20 business days thereafter, keep the same open for signatures by qualified voters of the town. For the recall petition to be effective the signatories to the original petition combined with the signatories to the petition blanks prepared by the clerk must equal at least 20 percent of the registered voters of the town, and to every signature shall be added the place of residence of the signer giving the street and number or description sufficient to identify the place.
- C. At the expiration of said 20 business days, the Town Clerk shall declare the petition closed and shall within 5 business days ascertain whether or not the petition is signed by the requisite number of voters and shall attach thereto his certificate showing the results of such examination.
- D. If the petition is certified by the Town Clerk to be sufficient he shall submit the same with his certificate to the Board of Selectmen at its next meeting and shall notify in person or by regular mail the officer(s) whose removal is sought of such action. The Board of Selectmen shall within five business days of the Town Clerk's certificate call a special town meeting to be held not less than 30 nor more than 40 calendar days thereafter, for the purpose of acting on the petition, and place the petition on the

warrant for that meeting, provided that, if a regular town meeting is to occur within 60 calendar days after the receipt of said certificate, the Board of Selectmen may, in its discretion, instead place the petition on the warrant for the regular town meeting.

- E. If a majority of the written ballots cast concerning the article of recall approves the recall of an elected Selectman or Selectmen, then such recall shall become effective on the day after the date of the vote; provided that the total number of written ballots casts for and against the article equals or exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the total votes cast in the municipality in the last gubernatorial election.

In the event of a successful recall, the candidate(s) to succeed the recalled Selectman or Selectmen for the balance of the unexpired term shall be determined by an election to be held within 20 days.

- F. Should the Board of Selectmen fail or refuse to order an election as herein provided, such election may be called by a Notary Public in the county on written petition of a number of voters equal to 10 percent or more of the number of votes cast in the town at the last gubernatorial election, but in no case less than ten (Title 30-A MRSA Selection 2521(4).)

A TRUE COPY OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED
"TOWN OF CHESTERVILLE RECALL OF SELECTMAN ORDINANCE"

PASSED ON : March 27, 2017

EFFECTIVE: March 27, 2017

CERTIFIED BY: *Pamela Griswold*
Pamela Griswold, Town Clerk