ARTICLE XVIII. INAUGURATION OF NEW CHARTER GOVERNMENT

Sec. 1. Effective date.

For the purpose of nominating and electing the elective officers of the town and public schools, this charter shall be in effect from and after its approval by the electors and validating of election procedures by the General Assembly.

For the purposes of the selection and term of the town clerk, the effective date of the selection and term of the town clerk, the organization of the police department, the establishment of the judge of probate and the time of holding the financial town meeting and any other provisions herein which may require validation, this charter shall be in effect from and after its approval by the electors, validation of same by the General Assembly and after the first day of December following certification by the board of canvassers of the first officers elected under this charter in November 1969, but not before December 1, 1969.

For all other purposes this charter shall be in effect from and after the first day of December following certification by the board of canvassers of the first officers elected under this charter in November 1969, but not before December 1, 1969.

The terms of office of all town officers shall cease and terminate upon the effective date of this charter regardless of whether such officers previously were elective or appointive.

All boards, commissions and committees are abolished upon the taking effect of this charter, except the board of canvassers and registration, and any boards, commissions or committees hereby created shall be appointed or constituted in the manner provided therefor.

The council upon taking office shall appoint by resolution the several officers whose appointments are required by this charter to be made by the council.

All other personnel and employees of the town shall continue to perform their duties until reappointed or until successors to their respective duties are appointed in the manner provided by this charter.

Sec. 2. Transfer of appropriation.

The town council shall have authority to make any changes or transfers in appropriations existing when this charter takes effect which may be required for the operation of the town government under the provisions of this charter.

Sec. 3. Ordinances to implement charter.

The town council shall proceed to enact or adopt as promptly as possible all ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations which may be necessary to implement the provisions of this charter.