



Article: 12

Warrant Article Title:

BYLAW AMENDMENT / TOWN MEETING PROCEDURES
COMMITTEE ROLLING MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

Warrant Article Text:

To see if the Town will vote to amend Title I, Article 1, Section 8 of the Town Bylaws to establish rolling three-year terms for appointed members of the Town Meeting Procedures Committee.

Requested By:

the Town Meeting Procedures Committee

Report Excerpt:

Vote and comment to Town Meeting - Favorable Action (5-0)

The Board voted unanimously to recommend favorable action on this article. Inserted at the request of the Town Meeting Procedures Committee, this article seeks to alter the timing of the appointment of the three Town Meeting members on the committee so that initial appointments will be for one, two and three-year terms, thereby creating a staggered reappointment process in the years that follow. It is hoped that the proposed change will increase continuity and stability for the TMPC and its membership.

Vote Language:

That the Town does and hereby amend Title I, Article 8, Section C of the Town's Bylaws, or take any action related thereto, so that the new Section reads:

Section 8. Procedures Committee
(ART. 15 – ATM, 05/30/07)

- A. Name. The name of this committee shall be the Town Meeting Procedures Committee.
- B. Appointing Authority. The Moderator shall be the appointing authority for the committee, and shall also fill any vacancies.
- C. Composition. The committee shall consist of five members who shall be: the Moderator, the Assistant Moderator, and three Town Meeting Members. **The three Town Meeting Members shall serve for three year terms, and members shall be eligible for reappointment. Following the effective date of this revised bylaw, the Moderator shall appoint three members for one, two and three year terms for the specific purpose of staggering term expiration, with all subsequent appointments and reappointments for three years. A vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term in the manner of the original appointment.**
- D. Duties. The committee shall consider, recommend, and report to the Town Meeting on matters related to Town Meeting procedures. The committee shall take a broad view of matters related to Town Meeting procedures. In addition to considering how such matters affect the Town Meeting, the committee shall also consider how these matters affect the desire of voters of the Town to become Town Meeting Members.
- E. Transitional provision. When this section comes into effect, Town Meeting Members already on the committee shall remain on the committee. If the Moderator or Assistant Moderator is already on the committee, the

Moderator shall now be on the committee by virtue of their office and their Town Meeting Member position on the committee shall be declared vacant.

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