



Article: 17

Warrant Article Title:

LOCAL OPTION / ACCEPTANCE OF M.G.L. CHAPTER 40, §22F REGARDING FEES

Warrant Article Text:

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 22F to authorize the town's municipal boards and officers empowered to issue a license, permit, certificate or to render a service of perform work, to set or adjust reasonable fees for the issuance of those licenses, permits, and for services rendered; or take any action related thereto.

Requested By:

the Town Manager

Report Excerpt:

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

The Board voted unanimously to recommend favorable action on this warrant article to formally adopt, by confirmatory vote, the local option set forth in [G.L. c. 40, §22F](#) that allows for municipal boards and officers to establish reasonable fees and charges for permits, licenses or certificates they issue or for any work or services they perform. Ultimately, this popular local option positions those responsible for providing a service to more readily and regularly amend fees in response to changes in costs. The fees would remain subject to approval by the appointing authorities, including the Town Manager and the Select Board. If this provision is adopted, the existing schedule of fees and

charges (including any that may be amended under Article 16) will remain in effect until new fees and charges are adopted.

[The Finance Committee] supports the Town Manager's and the Select Board's efforts to update the Town's fee structure to more accurately reflect the true cost of services delivered to our residents and strengthen the Town's enforcement mechanisms to ensure compliance with our Bylaws. Accordingly, the Finance Committee recommends favorable action on Articles 16, 17 and 19.

Vote Language:

That the Town does and hereby accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, §22F.

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