

## PETITIONERS' ARTICLE FOR 2020 WAYLAND ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

**To the Wayland Board of Selectmen:** The article below revises the one I submitted on January 15, 2020.

Carole Plumb, Lead Petitioner

### **ARTICLE FF: BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PREPARE BUDGET; MODERATOR-APPOINTED FINANCE COMMITTEE TO INDEPENDENTLY REVIEW WARRANT ARTICLES, INCLUDING BUDGET**

To determine whether the Town will vote to amend various bylaws pertaining to the preparation and review of the Town's budget and other Town Meeting warrant articles such that (a) the Finance Committee shall be appointed by the Moderator, (b) the budget shall be prepared under the authority of the Board of Selectmen, and (c) the Finance Committee shall independently review said budget and warrant articles for the benefit of Town Meeting.

(1) Amend Section 19-1, Finance Committee, by (a) substituting "Town Moderator" in place of "Board of Selectmen" wherever the latter term appears and (b) inserting after the first sentence the following: "The Moderator shall conduct the appointment process in public view, including giving his or her reasons for making each appointment to such Committee."

(2) Amend Section 19-2, Budget; Capital Improvement Program, by (a) substituting "Board of Selectmen" in place of "Finance Committee" wherever the latter term appears and (b) inserting after the last sentence the following: "In order to fulfill its foregoing duties, the Board of Selectmen shall timely receive relevant budget and capital improvement information from all department heads, boards, commissions, and committees of the Town, including the School Department."

(3) Amend Section 19-3, Finance Committee Reports, by (a) replacing the last sentence thereof with "The Committee shall also make an annual report which shall be published as part of the Annual Town Report and which shall include any recommendations regarding the finances of the Town and action in regard thereto as seems to such Committee to be necessary and appropriate." and (b) inserting after the last sentence the following: "In order to fulfill its duties to Town Meeting, the Finance Committee shall timely receive relevant warrant article and financial information from all department heads, boards, commissions, and committees of the Town, including the School Department, and, in this regard, shall coordinate with the Town Administrator/Town Manager."

All members of the Finance Committee whose terms do not expire on or before June 30, 2020 shall continue to serve their appointed terms.

**ARTICLE FF**

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