

## **CHAPTER II TOWN MEETINGS**

- Section 1. The Annual Town Meeting shall be held on the first Thursday evening in May of each year. As amended A.T.M. 5/02/03.
- Section 2. The Annual Town Meeting for the election of Town officers and the determination of such matters as are required by law to be elected or determined by ballot shall be considered at any adjournment of such meeting to be held on the Monday following the first Friday in May. As amended S.T.M 9/28/73.
- Section 3. The polls shall be opened during hours prescribed by the Board of Selectmen and in compliance with applicable provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws.
- Section 4. At least five days before the day fixed in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting, the Selectmen shall cause to be made available copies of the Annual Town Report in the Lenox Town Hall. In case of a Special Town Meeting the regular legal notice shall be given. As amended A.T.M. 5/1/81.
- Section 5. Only persons registered to vote in the Town shall have a vote at the Town Meeting. Any other person may be allowed to attend and speak at the discretion of the Moderator. If as many as ten voters so desire, a person who is not a registered voter shall be allowed to speak. An attorney representing a client or clients shall disclose the fact before speaking on any matter. As amended S.T.M. 6/27/75.
- Section 6. The numbers of voters necessary to constitute a quorum at any Annual Town Meeting shall be five percent (5%), and at any Special Town Meeting (1%) of the votes cast at the previous State election; provided, however, that a number less than a quorum from time to time adjourn the same. This section shall not apply to such parts of meetings as are devoted to the election of Town officers.
- Section 7. Articles of the Warrant shall be acted upon in the order in which they appear unless otherwise determined by majority vote of the meeting.
- Section 8. All motions having to do with the expenditure of money shall be presented in writing; other motions shall be in writing if so directed by the Moderator.
- Section 9. When a question is put, the sense of the meeting shall be determined by a voice vote and the Moderator shall declare the vote as it appears to him. If his decision is doubted, or a division of the house is called for, the Moderator may appoint tellers to make and return the count by a show of hands.

Section 10. No motion, the effect of which would be to dissolve the meeting, shall be in order until every article in the Warrant therefore has been duly considered and acted upon, but this shall not preclude the postponement of consideration of any article or articles to an adjournment of the meeting at a stated time and place.

Section 11. To be included in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of any year, articles must be presented to the Selectmen not later than 10 March of that year. As amended S.T.M. 6/27/75.