

## **TOWN MEETING BYLAWS:**

### **ARTICLE 1: TOWN MEETINGS**

#### **Section 1. Date of Annual Meeting and Adjournment**

ART. 93, ATM, 5/23/88; ART. 12, ATM, 5/9/94

The Annual Town Meeting for the purposes of conducting the regular Town Election of Town officers including Town meeting members, and for the submission of questions to the voters of the Town, if required to be submitted thereat, shall be held annually on the first Saturday of April unless the Selectmen vote not later than February 1 to establish another date in order to better suit the public convenience for reasons it shall determine including, but not limited to, conflicts with the observance of religious holidays. Said election shall be considered part of the Annual Town Meeting held in that year. All articles in the warrant for any regular Town meeting to be acted upon and determined otherwise than by ballot shall be considered at a Town meeting to be held annually on the fourth Monday in April, at eight o'clock in the evening.

#### **Section 2. Call of Meetings**

(ART. 21, ATM – 04/29/96) (ART. 7, ATM –04/28/03) (ART. 21, ATM – 05/11/11)

The Selectmen shall, before calling a Town Meeting, post a notice of their intention to do so in each municipal and school building in the Town at least five days before opening the Warrant calling the meeting. The Warrant for any Annual Town Meeting shall open not later than the first week of December nor shall it be closed earlier than the last Friday of the following January. Furthermore, the Selectmen shall make a written request to the Town's licensed cable television provider to place notice of the opening of the Warrant on a cable channel designated for community notices. Additionally, the Selectmen shall make a written request to one local newspaper to inform residents of the opening of the Warrant.

A copy of the warrant for a meeting shall be posted in each municipal and school building at least seven days before the day of the Annual Meeting, fourteen days before a Special Town Meeting, and a copy left at every dwelling house in the Town previous to the day of meeting. A copy of the warrant for any state election shall be sent to every dwelling house only to the extent required by the General Laws. The Town Clerk shall cause notice of such meeting to be published in at least one local newspaper.