



Article 2: TMSC Report

# Town Meeting Study Committee

Report of the committee

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## TM24 Committee charge

... *recommend* steps “to make Town Meeting more **inclusive, effective, and responsive** to the needs and desires of the town.”

**Plus:** 3 Citizen Petitions from TM24

## 2024 Town Meeting Study Committee

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- Katie Bresnick
- Kristen Hagerty
- Alice Kaufman
- Eric Moore (Chair)
- Parashar Patel
- Phil Swain
- Chase Thompson
- Eric Van Loon
- *Carmin Reiss, Moderator*
- *Cameron McKennitt, SB*
- *Shannon McAndrew, Town*

## Committee Process

- 35 Public Meetings
- ConcordMa.gov website
- Town-wide survey
- Minuteman Media, LWV forum, The Concord Bridge
- **Report with recommendations**

## What the survey told us

- ~1000 responses, 7.3% of '24 registered voters
- Town Meeting takes **too much time**
- Town Meeting takes **too much effort** to attend
- Open to change
- Town Meeting matters

## Priorities

1. Protect **full and fair** deliberation
2. Improve **participation** – remove barriers
3. Require **less time** - efficiency
4. Improve **understanding** – quality, efficiency of deliberation

### Remote Participation and Voting

- (CP 24), Article #27
- **Home Rule Petition**
- **Potential** to make TM participation practical for many more.

**Efficiency** – Meeting schedule and pace for TM25

**Town Meeting Briefing Book** - easier to be better informed

**Clickers** (CP24) - a private vote is fairer to many

**Deliberate now, vote later** (CP24) – *no* – no longer a legislature; not practical

## To Consider ...

- Fair **and** full **and** efficient.
- **Equitable free speech** is the heart of Town Meeting; our **choice to listen** is what binds us.

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