

**TOWN OF HOPKINTON
CITIZENS' PETITION FOR TOWN MEETING ARTICLE**

Date: February 6, 2024

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To: The Town of Hopkinton Select Board

The undersigned are desirous of inserting an article to the Warrant of the next Annual Town Meeting (currently scheduled for May 6, 2024). Said article shall be substantially as set forth, below:

To see if the Town of Hopkinton will vote to form a Government Study Committee ("GSC").

Said GSC would be charged with the following duties:

- (1) to study and report on the Town of Hopkinton's ("Town's") current forms of government and actual governance;
- (2) to examine the models of government in comparable communities across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;
- (3) to report on the strengths of the Town's current government and governance;
- (4) to report on the weaknesses of the Town's current government and governance;
- (5) to recommend any amendments to the Town's Home Rule Charter (the "Charter") so as to improve the Town's form of government;
- (6) to recommend any amendments to the Town's Bylaws so as to improve the Town's form of government;
- (7) to recommend any amendments to the Town's governing practices so as to improve the Town's form of government; and,
- (8) to facilitate the Town's citizens' engagement with and discussion about the GSC's work.

Said GSC shall consist of the following seven members:

- (1) one appointed by the Town Moderator within 90 calendar days of the completion of the next Annual Town Meeting;
- (2) one appointed by the Town Clerk within 90 calendar days of the completion of the next Annual Town Meeting;
- (3) one appointed by the Select Board within 90 calendar days of the completion of the next Annual Town Meeting; and,
- (4) four chosen by the Board of Registrars of Voters within 90 calendar days of the completion of the next Annual Town Meeting from a pool of applicants to be collected by said Board of Registrars of Voters between the completion of the next Annual Town Meeting and 89 calendar days from the completion of the next Annual Town Meeting.

Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto: