



## TOWN OF MARBLEHEAD Meeting Minutes

*Moderator's Committee to Report on the Costs of Implementing Article 44*  
Tuesday, April 26, 2023, 9:15 AM, Hybrid Meeting, Abbot Hall  
Minutes taken by Amy Drinker

**Present:** Amy Drinker, Katharine Redmond, Laurie Blaisdell, Nancy Powell, Lynn Nadeau, Pat Franklin, and Thatcher Kezer

**Remote:** Jeff Shribman, Chair

Amy Drinker, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:16 AM.

MOTION to approve the **April 4, 2023 meeting minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2023 meeting was made and seconded, those voting in favor by roll call were: Jeff Shribman, Thatcher Kezer, Lynn Nadeau, Nancy Powell, Laurie Blaisdell, Katharine Redmond, and Amy Drinker. Pat Franklin voted present.

- **Article 44 Study Committee summary report to May 2023 Town Meeting**

The committee discussed the report's focus on Articles 51 and 52 as originally proposed. Any revised motions or amendments that may be presented at Town Meeting are beyond the scope of the Article 44 Study Committee. The Study Committee summary report will be given by Jeff Shribman when Town Meeting addresses Article 51, prior to any motions.

Pat Franklin reported that at its meeting on Monday, April 24, the Finance Committee reviewed amended text for motions presented by Lynn Nadeau for Articles 51 and 52, and voted to make no recommendation relative to the two articles because the amended texts remove a mandate for any bylaw changes.

MOTION: To accept the (summary) report of the (Article 44 Study) Committee for presentation at Town Meeting and authorize the chair to summarize on the committee's behalf the report at Town Meeting. MOTION made by Thatcher Kezer, seconded by Laurie Blaisdell. By a roll call, those voting in favor: Jeff Shribman, Thatcher Kezer, Lynn Nadeau, Nancy Powell, Laurie Blaisdell, Katharine Redmond, Pat Franklin, and Amy Drinker.

- **Article 44 Study Committee spreadsheet re: costs/how and where municipal committees meet**

- **Article 44 Study Committee report re: municipal buildings hybrid capabilities**

There were no edits made to the draft documents. These two reports will be mentioned at the end of the summary report and made available online at [Marblehead.org/Town Meeting](https://Marblehead.org/TownMeeting) for public review.

MOTION: To accept the Article 44 Study Committee spreadsheet re: costs/how and where municipal committees meet, and the Article 44 Study Committee report re: municipal buildings hybrid capabilities. MOTION made by Thatcher Kezer, seconded by Laurie Blaisdell. By a roll call those voting YES: Jeff Shribman, Thatcher Kezer, Lynn Nadeau, Nancy Powell, Laurie Blaisdell, Katharine Redmond, Pat Franklin, and Amy Drinker.

**Other business:** Thatcher Kezer: Pat Franklin provided a brief and concise report to the Finance Committee re: Articles 51 and 52. The committee thanked Pat Franklin for his work on the Finance Committee. Jack Attridge thanked the committee, and everyone participating in Town Meeting for their hard work. The committee also thanked Kyle Wiley for her help in running the Article 44 hybrid meetings. Thank you to all department personnel for their assistance to the Article 44 Study Committee in compiling information for its report to Town Meeting.

**Lynn Nadeau, revised wording for Article 51 motion:** I move to urge all town boards and committees which are subject to the Open Meeting Law to make their best efforts to produce a recording of their meeting available to the public and linked through the town website. The recording could be a video capture, a transcript, a sound recording or other.

**Lynn Nadeau, revised wording for Article 52 motion:** I move to urge the Select Board to recommend that all town boards and committees subject to the Open Meeting Law to make their best efforts to provide a hybrid or remote option for attendance to both members and the public.

The committee discussed how Special Town Counsel is engaged by the town to review articles to make sure the articles are in proper format (regulatory and/or financial considerations) to be voted at Town Meeting. Town Counsel may be asked to provide a written opinion regarding specific articles, as was the case for the original language in Articles 51 and 52.

**Public comment:** None.

Effective May 2023 Town Meeting, upon delivering its report and satisfying its charge from May 2022 Town Meeting, the Article 44 Study Committee will be dissolved.

MOTION made by Thatcher Kezer to authorize the committee's secretary to submit to the committee chair for review and approval, the minutes of this meeting. Seconded by Laurie Blaisdell and voted unanimously in favor by roll call: Jeff Shribman, Thatcher Kezer, Lynn Nadeau, Nancy Powell, Laurie Blaisdell, Katharine Redmond, Pat Franklin, and Amy Drinker.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 AM.

Meeting minutes submitted by Amy Drinker, committee recording secretary, to Jeff Shribman, committee chair, for approval.

**NOTES:**

**Information regarding Massachusetts open meeting law can be found on the mass.gov website:**

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/open-meeting-law-guide-and-educational-materials>  
<https://www.mass.gov/the-open-meeting-law>

**Updated guidance on holding meetings pursuant to the Act Extending Certain COVID-19 Measures**

(now extended until March 31, 2023)

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/updated-guidance-on-holding-meetings-pursuant-to-the-act-extending-certain-covid-19-measures>

**The Town of Marblehead ARPA Spending Plan as of October 12, 2022 can be found at:**

[https://www.marblehead.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf4661/f/uploads/2022-10-12\\_select\\_board\\_arpa\\_presentation.pdf](https://www.marblehead.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf4661/f/uploads/2022-10-12_select_board_arpa_presentation.pdf)

**The 193<sup>rd</sup> General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:**

**An Act to modernize participation in public meetings**

<https://malegislature.gov/Bills/193/HD3261>  
<https://malegislature.gov/Bills/193/SD2017>  
<https://malegislature.gov/Bills/193/H3025>

**TOWN OF MARBLEHEAD 2023 TOWN WARRANT**

[https://www.marblehead.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf4661/f/uploads/2023\\_annual\\_town\\_meeting\\_warrant\\_final.pdf](https://www.marblehead.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf4661/f/uploads/2023_annual_town_meeting_warrant_final.pdf)