

Article 29: Amend General By-Law: Remove Requirement to Mail Town Meeting Warrants

Sponsored by: Select Board

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 12-9, subsection A and Section 49-2 of the General By-Laws of the Town of Sharon to eliminate the requirement that the Town Meeting Warrant be mailed to every residence within the Town of Sharon so that they read as follows (bold and underlined denotes new language for insertion; bracketed, strikethrough and italicized denotes deleted language), or take any other action relative thereto:

§ 12-9. Review of Town Meeting warrant.

A. The Finance Committee shall consider the various articles in the warrant for all Town Meetings (including, with respect to each member of the Committee, the articles in the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting after which such member's term expires) and shall report in print prior to all such Town Meetings the Committee's estimates and recommendations for the action of the Town together with the Committee's reasons therefor. The Committee shall cause **notice of the availability of** such report to be mailed or otherwise delivered to every residence at least **fourteen (14)** ~~seven (7)~~ days before each Town Meeting.

§ 49-2. Notice of Annual or Special Town Meeting; zoning amendments.

Every Town Meeting shall be notified by posting attested copies of the warrant, calling the same, at **ten (10)** places within the Town, one of which shall be the post office, at least **fourteen (14)** days before the day appointed for the Annual Meeting or any Special Meeting of the Town. The Town Clerk shall mail, or otherwise deliver **notice of the availability** ~~[-copies]~~ of the Town warrant to every residence at least ~~seven~~ **fourteen (14)** days before each meeting of the Town. **The Warrant will be posted on the Town website at least fourteen (14) days before any Town Meeting and sufficient printed copies of the Warrant will be placed at public buildings at least fourteen (14) days before any Town Meeting and made available to voters attending Town Meeting.** When the warrant contains proposed amendments to the Zoning Bylaw, a redline/strikeout version of the Zoning Bylaw amendments shall be posted in **ten (10)** public places, ~~and~~ electronically posted on the Town website, **and sufficient printed copies will be placed at public buildings** at the same time as the attested warrant is posted.

MOTION: That the Town amend Section 12-9, subsection A and Section 49-2 of the General By-Laws of the Town of Sharon exactly as printed on the sheet provided to voters at this Annual Town Meeting, excepting the bracketed, strikethrough and italicized language, and the words “or take any other action relative thereto.”

QUANTUM OF VOTE: Majority vote