



SELECT BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES

MAY 6, 2025

5:30 PM

ACTON-BOXBOROUGH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, ROOM 123N (FACULTY DINING  
ROOM)

36 CHARTER ROAD

Present: Fran Arsenault, Dean Charter, Alissa Nicol, David Martin, Jim Snyder-Grant  
Additional Attendees: Town Manager John Mangiaratti, Assistant Town Manager Thom Begin,  
Executive Assistant Lisa Tomy and Nina Pickering-Cook, Town Counsel

**I. New/Special Business**

1. Discuss Warrant Articles and Final Preparation and Consider Recommendations for Town Meeting

Mr. Martin opened a discussion of expected amendments to warrant articles by noting that the tree clearing delay bylaw currently exempts the federal government, the Commonwealth, and Acton Water Supply District land, but not the school district; he will amend the motion to include the school district. **Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Ms. Nicol, to amend article 33 regarding tree clearing bylaw and approved 5-0.**

Ms. Nicol noted hearing about a plan to take up Article 39 before Article 11. Articles 37 and 38 will be passed over by petitioner. She has a statement summarizing the board's position on Article 39 prepared. A library trustee is expected to move to postpone Article 39 indefinitely.

Mr. Martin noted that the Moderator herself could take 37-39 out of order and move to pass over.

Ms. Nicol noted an amendment to Article 31 to add a requirement for the applicant to prove that locating the leaching field in developable land area on the parcel is an impossibility, and to limit the size to not more than 15% of the resource land. **Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Snyder-Grant, to not support the amendment to only allow 15% of the resource land for use of a leaching field and approved 5-0**

Another amendment expected is that another member of the DRB, or Terra, will move to remove section 5.7 entirely, the inclusive zoning option that is by special permit.

**Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Mr. Snyder-Grant, the Select Board not recommend the amendment eliminating the inclusionary zoning section in Article 31 and approved 5-0.**

Ms. Nicol noted an amendment to remove section 2 of Article 11 which specifies that 3 of the trustees are elected as Citizens' Library trustees. Mr. Martin asked if the Board should move to lay it on the table or pass over, Mr. Snyder-Grant suggested that a vote may defeat it, and if not, it could be moved to indefinitely postpone the article. **Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Ms. Nicol, the Select Board not recommend the removal of section 2 in Article 11 and approved 5-0**

Mr. Martin noted an amendment will be presented to delay the leaf blower phase out implementation by 1 year. Mr. Mangiaratti noted an additional amendment to delay by 5 years. **Ms. Nicol moved, seconded by Ms. Arsenault, to take no position on an amendment to delay leaf blower bylaw by 1 year and approved 4-1**

**Mr. Martin moved, seconded by Ms. Nicol, the Board not recommend delay of leaf blower bylaw more than a year and approved 3-0-2**

#### **Documents Used**

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