



NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OF ATM 2021 AMENDMENTS to the TOWN BYLAW

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The Town of Wellesley shall henceforth publish amendments to the Town Bylaw and Zoning bylaw by way of a pamphlet and post said pamphlet in each precinct and on the bulletin board of the Town Hall and on the website for the Town of Wellesley (www.wellesleyma.gov) (MGL Chapter 40 Section 32).

Town Bylaw Amendments (ATM 2021)

- **Article 9.1**, TBL Amendment – Amend Article 55, Revolving Funds
- **Article 23.1**, TBL Amendment – Amend Article 11.8, Advisory Report Electronic Distribution
- **Article 24.2**, TBL Amendment – Amend Article 12, Sustainable Energy Committee
- **Article 25.1**, TBL Amendment – Amend and Reformat Entire Town Bylaws

Article 9.1

REVISED LANGUAGE Town Bylaw Article 55 -- Revolving Funds

That the Town, Pursuant to Section 53E1/2 of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, set the limit on the total amount that may be spent from each revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2022 as follows:

- a. Street Opening Maintenance Fund: \$225,000.00
- b. DPW Field Use Fund: \$200,000.00
- c. Turf Field Fund: \$150,000.00
- d. Tree Bank Fund: \$75,000.00
- e. Baler, Compacters and other RDF Equipment Repair Fund: \$50,000.00
- f. Council on Aging Social and Cultural Programs Fund: \$140,000.00
- g. Teen Center Program Revenues Fund: \$50,000.00
- h. Library Room Rental Fund: \$35,000.00
- i. Lost/Damaged Library Materials Replacement Fund: \$20,000.00
- j. Brookside Community Gardens Fund: \$3,000.00

- k. Weston Road Gardens Fund: \$7,000.00
- l. Library Copier Fees Fund: \$20,000.00
- m. Cultural Council Revenues Fund: \$6,500.00

Article 23.1

REVISED LANGUAGE

Town Bylaw Article 11.8 -- Advisory Report Electronic Distribution

That the Town amend Article 11.8 of the Bylaws to clarify that electronic means for delivery of the Advisory's report to Town Meeting by posting a link to the Town website and sending that link to the report recipients (or any equivalent means) satisfies the requirement that the report be mailed or delivered to Town Meeting Members and Town Departments receive the report at least seven (7) days in advance of Town Meeting, by adding the bolded and underlined text:

11.8. Report. A copy of the report of the Committee shall be mailed or delivered to each Town Meeting Member and Town Department at least seven days before the commencement of any Town Meeting. A minority may present a separate report which shall be included in the report of the Committee. **The Committee shall have the discretion to provide the option for each Town Meeting Member and Town Department to opt out of receiving a mailed copy of the report and, in such case, the Town Meeting Member or Town Department shall receive the report by electronic delivery. For purposes of this section, electronic delivery shall include, without limitation, the delivery, via email, of a copy of the report or a link to the digital version of the report available on the Town website.** The report shall set forth the numerical vote of the Advisory Committee on each recommendation. The report shall be available on the Town's website, and available for pick-up at the Town Clerk's Office, and at the Wellesley Free Library. The Select Board's Office shall also mail a copy of the report to any resident who requests one. Further, the Advisory Committee shall mail a letter from the Advisory Chair to each dwelling in the Town at least seven days before the commencement of any Town Meeting. The Chair's letter will contain an overview of the then current status of the budget, including any anticipated overrides, information on capital projects that will require bonding, and significant factors for future budgets. The letter will also contain a summary of other significant matters coming before Town Meeting as deemed appropriate by the Chair. The letter will indicate when and where copies of the report will be available.

Article 24.2

REVISED LANGUAGE

Town Bylaw Article 12 – Sustainable Energy Committee

That the Town amend Article 12 of the General Bylaw by adding the bolded and underlined text and deleting the stricken text:

ARTICLE 12. ~~SUSTAINABLE ENERGY~~ **CLIMATE ACTION** COMMITTEE

12.1 Membership. The Town shall have a ~~Sustainable Energy~~ **Climate Action** Committee consisting of 7 members. The Select Board, the Municipal Light Board and the School Committee each shall appoint one member. These members may be a board member, officer, official or paid employee and may be a nonresident of the Town. The Select Board shall also appoint the remaining four members from residents active in the Town's volunteer sustainable energy initiatives or others who bring relevant expertise, such as knowledge about **climate action**, ~~sustainability~~, **clean** energy ~~practices~~, marketing, or community engagement.

12.2 Term. The term of office shall be three years commencing on July 1. Members may be reappointed at the end of their term.

12.3 General Duties. The Committee shall propose ~~sustainable energy~~ **climate action** goals, to reduce Town greenhouse gas emissions from the municipal, residential, commercial, industrial and institutional sectors, to Town Meeting. The Committee shall prepare a multiyear **Climate Action Plan** to achieve the Town **greenhouse gas emissions** ~~sustainable energy~~ goals and shall revise it as needed. The Committee shall work with municipal departments, businesses, institutions, and civic and volunteer organizations to initiate and carry out actions to achieve these goals and shall coordinate municipal activity with initiatives of these other organizations. The Committee shall prepare an annual Town-wide emissions inventory and develop an annual action plan that includes significant planned initiatives by both municipal and community organizations. (Amended ATM 2018.)

12.4 Staff. The Committee shall appoint a **Sustainability Director** ~~sustainable energy coordinator~~ and such other staff as it deems necessary.

12.5 Annual Report. The Committee shall report to Annual Town Meeting on (a) the actions of the prior year, (b) emissions trends and performance as compared to the Town goals, (c) any proposed revisions to the multiyear ~~Sustainable Energy~~ **Climate** Action Plan, and (d) recommended action plans for the coming year.

12.6. Budget. The Committee shall prepare an annual budget which will be subject to approval by the Select Board. The Select Board is responsible for presenting the budget to the Advisory Committee and for presenting the motion for the budget appropriation to Town Meeting.

12.7 General Provisions. The Committee shall also be governed by Articles 2 through 7 of these bylaws and other provisions of these bylaws applicable generally to all boards, except as it is specifically directed by law or a provision of these bylaws to act otherwise.

~~Provided, each appointing authority shall have thirty days after the above bylaw becoming effective to make their appointments, which shall be as follows:~~

- ~~a. The three members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, the Municipal Light Board and School Committee shall be for an initial term of three years, and thereafter for a term of three years.~~

~~b. The terms of the community members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen shall be two for an initial term of two years, and two for an initial term of one year, and thereafter each for a term of three years.~~

Article 25.1

REVISED LANGUAGE AND REFORMATTING All Town Bylaws

See www.WellesleyMA.gov/BylawRevisions for revisions. A hard copy of the Article 25.1 bylaw amendments may be examined and obtained at the Town Clerk's Office, Town Hall, 525 Washington Street, Wellesley, MA 02482.

Town Bylaws so amended shall become effective September 1, 2021 the date of this publication.

Claims of invalidity of the amendments to the Town Bylaws by reason of any defect in the procedure of adoption or amendment may only be made within ninety (90) days of the date of posting, said posting date being September 1, 2021 and said deadline November 30, 2021.