

TOWN MEETING

Consent Agenda

That Articles 4,9,10, and 12 identified below be considered in a single motion, and that the motions for Articles 4,9,10, and 12 on file with the Moderator be hereby adopted.

Article 4: Rescind Debt
Article 9: Personnel Policies
Article 10: PFAS Special Revenue Fund
Article 12: Ollie's Law – Town Bylaw Kennel Modifications

The Advisory Committee having recommended favorable action unanimously on all such motions.

Approved:

Date

Moderator's Signature

Sponsor's Signature

TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE: 2

MOTION: 1

That the Classification Plan established at the 1950 Annual Town Meeting as amended, be further amended effective July 1, 2025, as recommended by the Human Resources Board by striking Schedule A, "Job Classification by Groups" and inserting a new Schedule A with the following changes represented by a strike through for deletion and an underline for addition:

SCHEDULE A

JOB CLASSIFICATIONS BY GRADES

Part I – Positions not covered by collective bargaining agreements.

GRADE 15

Facilities Management Director	FMD
Director of Public Works	DPW
Chief Financial Officer	FIN
Information Technology Director	IT
Human Resources Director	HRB
Library Director	LIB

GRADE 14

Town Engineer	DPW
Public Health Director	BOH
Treasurer/Collector	TRS
Planning Director	PLN
Assistant Director/Program Manager	DPW
Assistant Executive Director	SEL
Inspector of Buildings	BSDG
Director of Assessing	ASR
Design/Construction Manager	FMD

GRADE 13

Council on Aging Director	COA
Natural Resources Director	NRC
Recreation Director	REC
Superintendent, Highway	DPW
Superintendent, Recycling and Disposal Facility	DPW

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Superintendent, Water and Sewer	DPW
Superintendent, Park/Tree	DPW
Assistant Town Engineer	DPW

GRADE 12

Assistant Library Director	LIB
Deputy Director of Recreation	REC
Assistant Finance Director	FIN
Project Manager	FMD
Assistant Superintendent, Park/Tree	DPW
Assistant Superintendent, Highway	DPW
Assistant Superintendent, Water & Sewer	DPW

GRADE 11

Senior Management Analyst	
Administrative Services Manager	DPW
Custodial Manager	FMD
Maintenance Manager	FMD
Operations Manager	FMD
Public Health Nursing Supervisor	BOH

GRADE 10

Assistant Human Resources Director	HRB
Finance/Office Manager	FMD
Public Information Officer	SEL
Payroll Manager	FIN
Senior Environmental Health Specialist	BOH
Youth Director	YC
Sustainability Director	SEL
Senior Community Social Worker	BOH

GRADE 9

Senior Civil Engineer	DPW
Transportation and Mobility Manager	SEL
Assistant Director Council on Aging	COA
Senior Planner	PLN
Veterans Services Director	VET

GRADE 8

Assistant Treasurer/Collector	TRS
Principal Assessor	ASR
Local Inspector	BLDG
Civil Engineer	DPW
Wetlands Administrator	NRC
Plumbing & Gas Inspector	BLDG
Inspector of Wires	BLDG
Human Resources Generalist/Recruiter	HRB

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Water/Sewer Operations Analyst DPW

GRADE 7

Community Health Coordinator	BOH
Support Services Manager	SEL
Finance/Budget Analyst	FIN
Health/Social Service Administrator	COA
Public Health Nurse	BOH
Program Coordinator	REC
Business Manager, RDF	DPW
Community Social Worker	BOH
Deputy Director, Veterans Services	VET
Staff Engineer	DPW
Safety Manager	DPW
Workers' Compensation & Leave Coordinator	HRB
Fire Apparatus Mechanic/Storekeeper	FIRE

GRADE 6

Sustainability Analyst	SEL
Environmental Health Specialist	BOH
Senior Account Clerk/Parking Collection	TRS
Operations Administrator	ADV
Environmental Education/Outreach Compliance Coordinator	NRC
Planner	PLN
Benefit Specialist/Analyst	HRB
Executive Secretary	ZBA
Management Analyst	DPW
Assistant Town Clerk	TC

GRADE 5

Executive Assistant	DPW
COA Volunteer Coordinator	COA
Assistant Administrator	ASR
Senior Activities Coordinator	COA
Office Administrator	COA
Office Administrator	BOH
Office Administrator	DPW
Office Administrator	PLN
Office Administrator	LIB
Records Manager	POL
Voter Registration Administrator	TC
Licensing/Elections Administrator	TC
Administrative Assistant	FMD
Accounting Specialist	FIN
Project Financial Analyst	FMD
Senior Office Assistant	DPW

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Personnel Administrative Assistant	HRB
Permit Administrator	BLDG
Senior Management Assistant	DPW

GRADE 4

Animal Control Officer	POL
Bookkeeper	LIB
Accounting Assistant	POL
Administrative Assistant	FIRE
Senior Accounting Clerk	TRS
Senior Assessing Clerk	ASR

GRADE 3

Office Assistant	FMD
Office Assistant, RDF	DPW
NRC Secretary	NRC
Accounting Clerk	TRS
Secretary II	REC
Office Assistant	BOH
Office Assistant, Water and Sewer	DPW
Office Assistant, Engineering	DPW

GRADE 2

Activities Assistant	COA
Department Assistant	COA
Bus Driver	COA
Secretary	REC

GRADE 1

Night Watchperson	DPW
Custodian (part-time)	FMD

Information Technology

IT GRADE 12

Network/Cybersecurity Manager	IT
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IT GRADE 11

Applications Project Manager	IT
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IT GRADE 10

Cybersecurity Administrator	IT
GIS Manager	IT

IT GRADE 9

IT GRADE 8

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Systems Administrator IT

IT GRADE 7
Applications Administrator IT

IT GRADE 6
Desktop Technician IT

JOB CLASSIFICATIONS BY GROUPS

Part II – Positions remaining in Hay System not covered by collective bargaining agreements.

GROUP 58
~~Applications and Project Manager~~ IT
~~Network and Cybersecurity Manager~~ IT
~~IT Director/Library~~ IT/LIB

GROUP 57
~~Enterprise Applications Manager~~
~~GIS Manager~~ IT

GROUP 56
~~Cybersecurity Administrator~~ IT

GROUP 55
~~Applications Administrator~~ IT
~~Database Administrator~~ IT
~~GIS Administrator~~ IT
~~Systems Administrator~~ IT

GROUP 54
~~Desktop Technician~~ IT

Part III II Positions covered by collective bargaining agreements

GROUP S55
~~Fleet Maintenance~~ DPW
~~Supervisor General Foreman, All Divisions~~
~~RDF Supervisor~~

GROUP S54
~~Customer Services Supervisor~~ MLP
~~Overhead Line Foreman~~ MLP
~~Supervisor of Accounting~~ MLP
~~Underground Line Foreman~~ MLP

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GROUP S53

Coordinator, MLP	MLP
Signal Alarm Foreman	MLP

GROUP S50

Collections Representative	MLP
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GROUP 22

Crew Leader	MLP
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GROUP 21

Electrician A	MLP
Lead Cableslicer	MLP
Lead Lineman	MLP

GROUP 20

Automotive Mechanic Foreman A	DPW
Cableslicer, 1st Class	MLP
Chief Substation Operator, Municipal Light Plant	MLP
Construction Craftsman, Highway Division	DPW
Construction Foreman/MLP	MLP
Foreman A - All Divisions	DPW
Foreman A - Athletic Fields	DPW
Foreman A – Automotive Mechanic	DPW
Foreman A - Highway	DPW
Foreman A – Park Construction	DPW
Foreman A – Recycling	DPW
Foreman A – Tree Care	DPW
Foreman A – Lead Water Treatment Operator	DPW
Horticultural Technician	DPW
Lineman, 1st Class	MLP
Senior Welder	DPW

GROUP 19

Lead Tree Care Specialist, Park, and Tree Division	DPW
Meter and Sign Repair Person, Highway Division	DPW
Meter/Backflow Prevention Device Coordinator	DPW

GROUP 18

Engineering Technician	MLP
Fleet Maintenance Mechanic	DPW
Foreman B - All Divisions	DPW
Groundskeeping Foreman, Park and Tree Division	DPW
Highway Craftsman	DPW
Lead Baler	DPW
Park Construction Craftsman	DPW
Primary Water Treatment Plant Operator	DPW

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Welder DPW

GROUP 17

Apprentice Lineworker/Stockkeeper	MLP
Cablesplicer, 2nd Class	MLP
Construction Equipment Operator	DPW
Lineman, 2nd Class	MLP
Meter/Backflow Prevention Device Technician	DPW
Park Facilities Technician	DPW
Park Technical Services Craftsman	DPW
Power Shovel Operator, Water and Sewer Division	DPW
Stockkeeper, Automotive	DPW
Stockkeeper, Water and Sewer	DPW
Substation Operator, Municipal Light Plant	MLP
Tractor Trailer Operator	DPW
Tree Climber, Park, and Tree Division	DPW

GROUP 16

Engineering Technician II	MLP
Fleet Maintenance Shop Assistant	DPW
General Mechanic A, Water and Sewer Division	DPW
Groundskeeper, Park, and Tree Division	DPW
Head Custodian	DPW
Heavy Equipment Operator, Highway Division	DPW
Lead Meter Reader	MLP
Secondary Water Treatment Plant Operator	DPW
Stockkeeper, Municipal Light Plant	MLP
Transfer Haul Equip. Operator, RDF	DPW

GROUP 15

Industrial Equipment Operator, RDF	DPW
Medium Equipment Operator, Highway Division	DPW
Medium Equipment Operator, Park, and Tree Division	DPW
Truck Driver A/Laborer, Water and Sewer Division	DPW

GROUP 14

Building Maintenance Person, Highway Division	DPW
Cablesplicer Helper, Municipal Light Plant	MLP
Custodian	DPW
Groundman, Municipal Light Plant	MLP

GROUP 13

Park Maintenance Worker	DPW
Permit Verifier/Trash Collector, RDF	DPW

GROUP 12

Light Equipment Operator, Park, and Highway Divisions	DPW
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GROUP 11

Laborer - All Divisions DPW

GROUP K23

HVAC Technician FMD
Plumber FMD
Electrician FMD

GROUP K22

Facility Supervisor FMD

GROUP K21

Middle School Head Custodian FMD

GROUP K18

Inventory and Equipment Technician FMD

GROUP K17

Custodian Night Supervisor FMD
Elementary Head Custodian FMD

GROUP K15

Custodian FMD

GROUP D47

Dispatcher POL

GROUP L17

Public Services Coordinator LIB

GROUP L16

Acquisitions and Cataloging Services Supervisor LIB
Children's Services Supervisor LIB
Information Services Supervisor LIB

GROUP L15

Branch Libraries Supervisor LIB
Interlibrary Loan Supervisor LIB

GROUP L14

Librarian LIB

GROUP L11

Circulation Services Supervisor LIB

GROUP L9

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Assistant Circulation Services Supervisor LIB
Facilities Supervisor FAC

GROUP L7

Technology and Innovation Assistant LIB

GROUP L6

Acquisitions Specialist LIB
Cataloging Assistant LIB

GROUP L4

Library Assistant LIB

GROUP L3

Library Assistant LIB
Preservation Assistant LIB

GROUP C4

Custodian LIB

GROUP P40

Lieutenant POL

GROUP P30

Sergeant POL

GROUP P20

Detective POL
Prosecuting Officer POL
Safety Officer POL

GROUP P18

Police Officer – EMT POL

GROUP P15

Police Officer – Special POL

GROUP P10

Police Officer POL

GROUP F40

Deputy Chief FIR
Deputy Chief, Special Services FIR

GROUP F30

Lieutenant FIR

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GROUP F10
Firefighter

FIR

GROUP D47
Dispatcher

POL

GENERAL GROUP: This group includes all part-time, seasonal, casual, special, and other jobs or positions not otherwise classified above, whose job titles shall be as shown on the personnel records of the Human Resources Board.

The rates of pay, as shown in the personnel records of the Human Resources Board, shall continue in effect until otherwise adjusted by the Human Resources Board or by amendment of the Plan.

And,

That the Salary Plan as established at the 1950 Annual Town Meeting as amended, be further amended effective July 1, 2025, as recommended by the Human Resources Board, by striking the existing pay schedule for Information Technology, and inserting the new schedule as follows:

Information Technology
Salary rates effective as of July 1, 2025
Rates reflect a 2.5% increase at the midpoint over Fiscal Year 25

Level:	Minimum	Max
IT -12	104,186.25	140,651.44
IT - 11	99,225.00	133,953.75
IT - 10	94,500.00	127,575.00
IT - 10	94,500.00	127,575.00
IT - 9	90,000.00	122,000.00
IT - 8	85,500.00	115,425.00
IT - 7	81,225.00	109,653.75
IT -6	77,163.75	104,171.06

Approved:

Date

Moderator's Signature

Sponsor's Signature

TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE: 3

MOTION: 1

That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$60,000.00 (SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS) for the demolition of 3 Bacon Street, said sum to be taken from Certified Free Cash and added to the amount appropriated to the Public Safety – Select Board – 241 Building Department expenses under Motion 2 of Article 8 of the Warrant for the 2025 Annual Town Meeting.

Approved:

Date

Moderator's Signature

Sponsor's Signature

TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE: 3

MOTION: 2

That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$11,000.00 (ELEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS) to the Advisory Committee for administrative support, said sum to be taken from Certified Free Cash and added to the amount appropriated to Other General Government– 131 Advisory Committee under Motion 2 of Article 8 of the Warrant for the 2025 Annual Town Meeting.

Approved:

Date

Moderator's Signature

Sponsor's Signature

TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE: 4

MOTION: 1

That the Town vote to rescind authorized and unissued loans, authorize the transfer of unused proceeds from previously issued loans to one or more eligible appropriations, and/or amend existing borrowing authorizations on unissued debt, in order to allow the use of premiums for project costs and to reduce the amount of the borrowing so authorized in accordance with Section 20 of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as follows:

<u>TOWN MEETING VOTE</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>TOTAL DEBT AUTHORIZATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT TO BE RESCINDED</u>
Article 3/STM 10/2021	Hardy MSBA	\$70,000,000.00	\$751,481.00

Approved:

Date

Moderator's Signature

Sponsor's Signature

TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE: 5

MOTION: 1

That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,510,158.00 (FIVE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT DOLLARS) to be expended under the direction of the Permanent Building Committee for the design and construction of a new Recycling and Disposal Facility Administration Building and related improvements at 169 Great Plain Avenue. This appropriation includes the costs of construction, architectural and engineering services, construction administration, project management, and all other incidental and related expenses. To meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board is authorized to borrow the sum \$5,510,158.00 (FIVE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-EIGHT DOLLARS) in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 7(1) of the Massachusetts General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

Approved:

Date

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Sponsor's Signature

TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE: 6

MOTION: 1

That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$800,000.00 (EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS) from the Baler Stabilization Fund established by the vote taken under Article 10 at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting for replacement of the Recycling Disposal Facility (RDF) Baler and Compactors, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Department of Public Works for engineering services, bid documents, construction, reconstruction, remodeling, rehabilitation, of the RDF Baler and Compactors and related areas including all costs incidental and related thereto.

Approved:

Date

Moderator's Signature

Sponsor's Signature

TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE: **7**

MOTION: **1**

That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,785,000.00 (ONE MILLION SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS) from Certified Free Cash, to be expended under the direction of the Department of Public Works, to supplement the funding approved under Article 21 of the 2024 Annual Town Meeting, for bid documents, bidding support, site work and for the construction of the building and mechanical systems associated with the Team Rooms at the Hunnewell Track and Field located at 55 Rice Street, including all costs incidental and related thereto.

Approved:

Date

Moderator's Signature

Sponsor's Signature

TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE: 8

MOTION: 1

That the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$190,000.00 (ONE HUNDRED NINETY THOUSAND DOLLARS) from Certified Free Cash to be expended under the direction of the Board of Assessors, to replace the data collection, analysis and reporting software used by the Board of Assessors for the preparation of reports and other information for the Department of Revenue and the Town, including all costs incidental and related thereto.

Approved:

Date

Moderator's Signature

Sponsor's Signature

TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE: 9

MOTION: 1

That the Town revise the Town of Wellesley Personnel Policy, by adding (1) Anti-Nepotism policy, (2) Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) policy, (3) Crown Act policy, (4) Domestic Violence Leave policy, (5) Massachusetts Pay Equity Law policy, and (6) Small Necessities Leave Act policy, which changes are reflected in the Town of Wellesley Personnel Policy Updates document, on file with the Town Clerk.

Approved:

Date

Moderator's Signature

Sponsor's Signature

TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE: 10

MOTION: 1

That the Town vote to take the following actions:

1. establish a separate revenue account known as "PFAS Settlement Proceeds", in accordance with said M.G.L. c. 44 § 53; and
2. deposit settlement proceeds received to date in fiscal year 2026 in the amount of \$973,066.99 (NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY THREE THOUSAND SIXTY-SIX DOLLARS AND NINETY-NINE CENTS) into said fund.

Approved:

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Moderator's Signature

Sponsor's Signature

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TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE: **11**

MOTION: **1**

NO MOTION

Approved:

Date

Moderator's Signature

Sponsor's Signature

TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE: 12

MOTION: 1

That the Town vote to amend Article 47 of the General Bylaws as follows:

With the following additions:

Article 47.3:

- c. For purposes of this bylaw, and G.L. c. 140, § 157, the Town Clerk shall be the Licensing Authority.

Article 47.5:

Article 47.5 Kennels.

- a. Kennel has the same definition as in G.L. c. 140, § 136A. All kennels within the Town shall be licensed, operated, maintained and regulated in accordance with G.L. c. 140, §§ 137A-174G and any other applicable statute or regulation.
- b. A person maintaining a commercial kennel shall obtain a kennel license from the Licensing Authority. The Licensing Authority shall issue, suspend, renew and revoke kennel licenses as provided in G.L. c. 140, § 137A and any regulations promulgated by the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources. In the case of an applicant for initial licensure or license renewal, the Licensing Authority shall deny a kennel license until the kennel has passed inspection by an Animal Control Officer.

The Licensing Authority shall specify on the license the type of kennel and the maximum number of animals that may be maintained by the licensee. Such number shall be determined by the Licensing Authority and the Animal Control Officer following the required inspection of all kennels by the Animal Control Officer.

- c. A person maintaining a personal kennel shall obtain a kennel license from the Licensing Authority. To obtain or renew a license, each dog owner or keeper shall annually present proof of a current rabies vaccination or a certification of exemption from the vaccination requirement, pursuant to G.L. c. 140, §§ 137(b) and 145B. The Licensing Authority shall issue, suspend, renew and revoke kennel licenses as provided in G.L. c. 140, § 137A and any regulations promulgated by the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources. In the case of an applicant for initial licensure or license renewal, the Licensing Authority shall deny a kennel license until the kennel has passed inspection by an Animal Control Officer.

The Licensing Authority shall specify on the license the type of kennel and the maximum number of animals that may be maintained by the licensee. Such

number shall be determined by the Licensing Authority and the Animal Control Officer following the required inspection of all kennels by the Animal Control Officer.

d. The fee for the issuance and renewal of a kennel license shall be established from time to time by the Town Meeting in accordance with G.L. c. 140 § 137A; provided, however, that in determining the amount of the license fee for a kennel, a dog under the age of 3 months shall not be counted in the number of dogs kept in the kennel. Kennel license fees shall not be required for domestic charitable corporations that are incorporated exclusively for the purpose of protecting animals from cruelty, neglect or abuse and for the relief of suffering among animals.

e. Fees for the issuance of kennel licenses shall be:

	Fee
1) Kennels with 5-8 Dogs:	\$75
2) Kennels with 9-12 Dogs:	\$150
3) Kennels with 13-25 Dogs:	\$200
4) Kennels with 26 or more Dogs	\$250

f. A commercial boarding or training kennel shall maintain records of individual dog licenses for all dogs in its care as required by G.L. c. 140, § 137A.

g. The Animal Control Officer shall inspect or cause the annual inspection of every kennel licensed within the Town. If a licensee or applicant for a license to maintain a kennel refuses to allow an inspector to enter and inspect a kennel, the refusal shall be grounds for denial, suspension or revocation of the license.

h. A kennel license shall be valid for a period of one year, beginning April 1 of each year through March 31.

Article 47.9:

d. In addition to any other remedy provided by law, the provisions of Section 47.5 of this Article may be enforced by the Licensing Authority in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 140, §§ 137A and 137C.

And where strikethrough text indicates deletions and bold text indicates insertions:

Article 47.1:

Purpose. Pursuant to the authority set forth in G.L. c. 140, §§ 136A-174E**G**, inclusive, and any other relevant statutes and regulations issued pursuant thereto, this section is adopted by the Town for the control and regulation of dogs within the Town.

Article 47.4(a):

a. In accordance with G.L. c. 140, § 137, the owner or keeper of a dog six months of age or older, while residing in the Town of Wellesley, shall obtain a license (either individual or kennel) for the dog from the ~~Town Clerk~~**Licensing**

Authority, which shall be affixed to the dog's collar. To obtain or renew a license, each dog owner or keeper shall annually present proof of a current rabies vaccination or a certification of exemption from the vaccination requirement, pursuant to G.L. c. 140, §§ 137(b) and 145B.

Article 47.4(b):

b. All dogs within the Town shall be licensed and registered and the fees for such license and registration shall be established by the Town Meeting from time to time in accordance with G.L. c. 140, § 139. Fees for the issuance of licenses for dogs shall be:

	<u>Fee</u>
1) Males and Females:	\$25
2) Neutered Males and Spayed Females:	\$15
3) Service Animals as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act or regulations promulgated thereunder:	No fee.
4) Kennels with 4-6 Dogs:	\$75
5) Kennels with 7-10 Dogs:	\$100
6) Kennels with 11 or more Dogs:	\$150

Article 47.4(d):

d. ~~Kennels. All kennels within the Town shall be licensed, operated, maintained and regulated in accordance with G.L. c. 140, §§ 137A-137D and any other applicable statute or regulation.~~

Article 47.7(a)

a. Complaint Investigation. The Animal Control Officer shall investigate all written complaints arising within the Town pertaining to violations of Article 47 and of G.L. c. 140, §§ 136A-174EG and any relevant state or local regulations.

Article 47.9:

b. The failure of the owner or keeper of any dog **or kennel** to comply with the registration and license requirements provided in this Article 47 and in G.L. c. 140, §§ 136A-174EG shall be in violation of this bylaw.

c. In addition to any other remedy provided by law, this Article **47** may be enforced by the Animal Control Officer, or any police officer of the Town, or the Select Board, through any means available in law or equity, including but not limited to criminal indictment in accordance with G.L. c. 40, § 21, noncriminal disposition in accordance with G.L. c. 40, § 21D and Article 52.1, "Non-Criminal Disposition, as may be amended from time to time. When enforced in accordance with G.L. c. 40, § 21, the maximum penalty shall be **\$300**~~\$500~~ and each day a violation exists shall constitute a separate violation.

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And further, that the Town Clerk is authorized to make non-substantive changes, relative to the amendments to bylaw Article 47, to the numbering of the bylaws in order to make them compliant with the numbering format of the bylaws of the Town of Wellesley.

Approved:

Date

Moderator's Signature

Sponsor's Signature

TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE: 13

MOTION: 1

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court, subject to approval of a nonbinding public opinion advisory question at a Town election, to enact legislation in substantially the form below, and further to authorize the Select Board to approve amendments to said legislation before its enactment by the General Court that are within the scope of the general objectives of this motion:

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR VOTING BY QUALIFIED RESIDENTS AGED 17 IN TOWN ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF WELLESLEY

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding section 1 of chapter 51 of the General Laws or any general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, any individual aged 17 residing in the town of Wellesley who is entered in the current annual register of voters with the designation "pre-registrant" or other term or code as specified by the state secretary pursuant to section 47A of said chapter 51, shall be entitled to vote in town elections. The affidavit of registration of any such individual shall be processed as if said individual became a citizen of the United States after the final time for registration pursuant to section 50 of said chapter 51. "Town elections," as used in this act, shall mean any annual or special town election called pursuant to section 10 of chapter 39; provided, however, that this act shall not be construed to provide voting rights in any state primary or state election, notwithstanding the presence of any local ballot question on such state primary or state election ballot.

SECTION 2. Individuals aged 17 who are entered in the current annual register of voters pursuant to section 1 shall not be eligible to hold any townwide elected office that requires candidates to be registered voters.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage. and, further, to request that the Select Board place a nonbinding public opinion advisory question on the ballot of the next regular municipal election pursuant to G.L. c.53, §18A in substantially the following form:

Shall a special act approved by the November 2025 Special Town Meeting authorizing 17-year-old United States citizens residing in the Town of Wellesley to vote in municipal elections, but not to run for municipal offices that require members to be registered voters, be submitted to the General Court for enactment? or to take any other action in relation thereto.

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Approved:

Date

Moderator's Signature

Sponsor's Signature