

# Hybrid and Remote Access Articles

# What is being brought to Town Meeting

- STM2-3 – Amend General Bylaw to Allow Remote Participation at Hybrid Town Meetings

And

- ATM-34 – Allow for Select Board to Call Remote Town Meeting

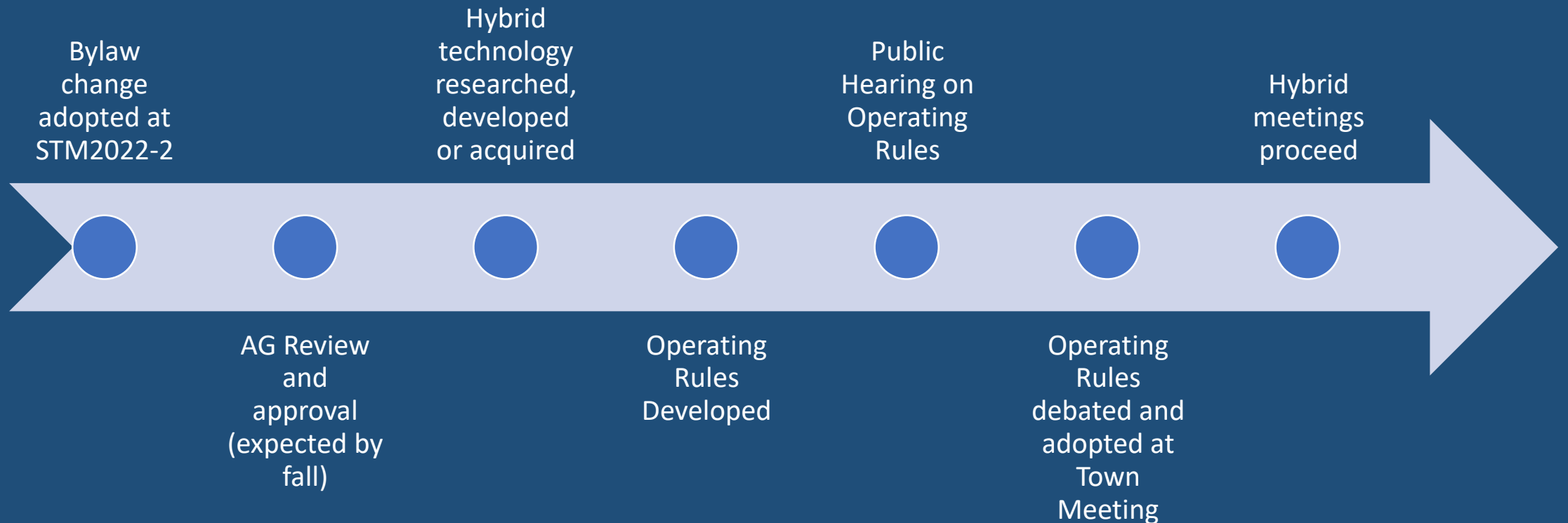
# Why Two Articles?

- STM2-3 provides the **process** for how Lexington will integrate remote participation at its Town Meetings.
- ATM-34 provides for state **authorization** for Lexington to hold hybrid and fully-remote Town Meetings through its bylaws.
  - In the absence of explicit state authorization, we might need a ratification article at each hybrid or fully-remote meeting to be acted on in-person.

# What does STM2-3 provide?

- STM2-3 provides the *process* for how Lexington will integrate remote participation at its Town Meetings.
  - Current proposed bylaw only allows hybrid meetings. It includes no provisions for fully-remote meetings.
- Allows some of the 100-member quorum to be met by remote participants but requires at least 90 in-person members attending the meeting
- Requires adoption of operating procedures by Town Meeting before remote participation is allowed.
  - This is directly parallel to how electronic voting was adopted by Town Meeting in 2013
    - Article 32 of the 2013 ATM adopted the bylaw enabling electronic voting
    - Article 1 of the 2014 STM-1 adopted the operating rules we currently use

# What is the timeline for holding a hybrid meeting?



# What does ATM-34 provide?

- ATM-34 provides for state **authorization** for Lexington to hold hybrid and fully-remote Town Meetings through its bylaws.
  - Provides explicit State authorization for Lexington's bylaw
  - Provides emergency ability to hold a fully-remote meeting if no physical facility is available

# What is the timeline for holding a hybrid meeting with home rule petition?

