

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 118 Section 18 (Quorum) of the Code of the Town of Lexington to include remote participants as part of the quorum count required for a meeting; and to revise said Chapter 118 with respect to remote participation at Town Meeting; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board)

DESCRIPTION: In June 2020, the Legislature temporarily provided express authorization for representative Town Meetings to be held by remote means due to the COVID-19 pandemic. That authorization was extended and will expire on July 15, 2022. This amendment to the general bylaws explicitly recognizes hybrid meetings of Town Meeting where remote Town Meeting Member participants are allowed to participate fully and count to meeting quorum requirements. In addition, this amendment includes a new section similar to Section 17.C that specifies that remote participation will be governed by a set of operating rules adopted from time to time by Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 4

**APPROPRIATE FOR COMPLETING THE TOWN'S
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for completing the Town's comprehensive plan; and determine whether the money shall be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from available funds or by any combination of these methods; or act in any other manner in relation thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board)

FUNDS REQUESTED: \$75,000

DESCRIPTION: This request is to complete the Town's Comprehensive Plan, which was last updated in 2002-2003. The purpose of the Comprehensive Plan is to guide the Town's land use and physical development for the next 10-20 years. A comprehensive plan gathers public input on a community's strengths, opportunities, threats and values. It assesses existing conditions in the community's land use, housing, transportation, economic development, open space and recreation, natural resources, historic resources, and public facilities and recommends actions and strategies in each of these areas. This request is supplemental to the funding appropriated under Article 7 of the 2017 Annual Town Meeting and will cover contractual services for consulting and related services.

And you are directed to serve this warrant fourteen days at least before the time of said meeting as provided in the Bylaws of the Town.

Hereof fail not, and make due return on this warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Lexington this 21st day of March, 2022.

A true copy, Attest:

Constable of Lexington

Jill I. Hai, Chair

Select Board

Joseph N. Pato

Suzanne E. Barry

of

Douglas M. Lucente

Mark D. Sandeen

Lexington



Town of Lexington
MODERATOR
DEBORAH BROWN

March 11, 2022

DELIVERED BY EMAIL

Dear Select Board Members,

In view of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, I request approval to conduct the 2022-2 Special Town Meeting through remote participation. I propose to use a combination of: (1) the Zoom videoconferencing platform, (2) the online VVoter module provided by our electronic voting vendor, Option Technologies OR comparable online voting tool developed by Select Board member Joe Pato, and (3) an online queuing function developed by Select Board member Joe Pato to facilitate the process of debate.

I certify that all components of the system described above have been fully tested and utilized successfully for prior Town Meetings, and I am satisfied that this system enables our meetings to be conducted in substantially the same manner as if they had occurred in person at a physical location. I certify that the system (i) allows the moderator, town meeting members, town officials and any other interested members of the public to identify and hear the moderator and each town meeting member who attends and participates in the remote meeting, as well as any other individuals who participate in the meeting; (ii) provides the ability to determine whether a quorum is present; (iii) allows participants to request recognition by the moderator and makes such requests visible to the meeting participants and the public; (iv) allows the moderator to determine when a town meeting member wishes to be recognized to speak, make a motion, or raise a point of order or personal privilege; (v) enables the moderator to recognize a town meeting member, town official or other individual and enable that person to speak; (vi) provides the ability to conduct a roll call or electronically recorded vote; (vii) allows any interested members of the public to access the meeting remotely through LexMedia for purposes of witnessing the deliberations and actions taken at the town meeting; (viii) allows members of the public to participate in debate through the submission of statements for or against a motion; and (ix) provides for the town meeting to be recorded and available for future viewing. I further confirm that I have consulted with Lexington's Commission on Disability regarding system accessibility.

Sincerely,

Deborah Brown
Town Moderator
617-512-7901

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