

ARTICLE 18

EIGHTEENTH ARTICLE

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To see if the Town will adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, democracy should be as transparent as possible,

whereas, the key to participation in a democracy is to be able to watch the decisions being made,

whereas, these recordings already exist and should be made available to the public,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Town will ensure any public meeting where there is an official video recording of the meeting, will be made available to the public, by way of CivicClerk or the Town's current website platform, within 4 business days of the meeting date.

Or act on anything relative thereto.

PETITIONER'S ARTICLE DESCRIPTION

In 2022, the Town invested in a software platform that integrates with the Town website in order to better communicate what meetings are happening in Town. It is an improvement from the previous interface allowing you to easily search by day or by committee. This platform allows for the upload of any video recordings for the public to watch after the meeting happened. Staff and Board Chairs are encouraged to upload the zoom files, but only about 30%-40% are uploaded afterwards. This article seeks to encourage all boards and commissions who record their meetings to upload the files in a timely manner so that they are accessible to the public.

SELECT BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye:

ADVISORY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION

November 18, 2025 Special Town Meeting

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