



**TOWN OF BROOKLINE**  
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AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee meeting was called to order on Wednesday April 13, 2023 at 2:00 PM. The meeting was conducted remotely thru Zoom.

Present were Paul Healy, Chair, Bernard Greene, Mariah Nobrega and Steve Herscovici. Also in attendance were ex officio members Michael DiPietro, Comptroller, Melissa Goff, Deputy Town Administrator and Lincoln Heineman, Finance Director.

Minutes:

Meeting was called to order by chair Healy at 2:00 P.M.

Minutes of April 4, 2023 were approved by roll call vote unanimously.

Chair Healy began by saying there are three options for the committee to pursue. Could make no change in policy/practice. Could adopt a policy by the committee to seek bids/quotes every 10 years for selection of the audit firm. The committee could waive this for any year at their discretion. Finally adopt the proposed Town Meeting Article 12 on requiring the committee to seek bids every 10 yrs.

Chair Healy opened the public hearing on Article 12-Auditor Rotation. Alec Lebovitz, a sponsor of the article, explained what the article would do and why he and co-sponsor Mike Toffel, thought it would be best practice to put this policy in the by-laws. The Article would mandate rotation of the partner every 5 years and seek bids for firms every 10 years. Mr. Toffel added there would not be any discretion if for some reason it would not be a year to make a change.

The public hearing portion of the meeting was closed. Mr. Greene moved not to recommend the article. Should be policy set by the committee. General discussion on what changes could be made to the article to gain support.

It was decided, the petitioners would tweak their article and on behalf of the committee, Mr. Greene would put in writing his proposal for a policy of the committee to adopt instead of a town meeting article.

A future meeting will be scheduled in the next week to further discuss and vote on this matter.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.