

WARRANT ARTICLE

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This warrant article is a resolution requesting that the Moderator appoint a committee to examine and report on various forms of municipal government available on Massachusetts as they relate to Brookline

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Voted that the Town adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, there is much interest in making the operation of Brookline's government fairer and more efficient, and

WHEREAS, there are many forms and permutations for municipal government in Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, among those active in Town government, there is currently a debate about the best form for Brookline's government; and

WHEREAS, democratic government depends upon an informed electorate; and

WHEREAS, the details of various forms of government are not widely known, and

WHEREAS, the voters may subsequently be asked whether to adopt substantial changes to the form of Brookline's government;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that Town Meeting,

- a. Requests that the Moderator appoint a committee to examine the various forms of municipal government in Massachusetts as they relate to Brookline;
- b. that the committee evaluate the positive and negative aspects of such forms, including fiscal impacts;
- c. that the committee be empowered to recommend among various proposals or alternative forms for Brookline government, if it chooses to do so; and
- d. that the committee be directed to report its findings, and any recommendations, to Town Meeting no later than August 31, 2024, or such other date as the Moderator may select.

PETITIONERS' ARTICLE EXPLANATION

Discussions about the form and organization of Brookline's government ebb and flow from time to time. Recently, there has been more discussion and debate on the subject, and proponents of change have become more vocal.

If a change in the form or organization of Brookline government is warranted, there are many and varied paths that could be followed, and even more permutations of form and organization from which to choose.

The choices are many, but we fear that the general level of knowledge about most of them is relatively low. At the same time, democratic government, faced with potentially significant change, depends upon a knowledgeable electorate.

This warrant article calls for the Moderator to appoint a committee for the purpose of reviewing, evaluating, and reporting on available forms and structures of government, so that, depending on the nature of any proposed change, Town Meeting and/or voters can make decisions with enough information to do so knowledgeably.

The following registered Brookline voters hereby petition to place on the Warrant for the May 2023 Annual Town Meeting the attached Article for a resolution calling on the Moderator to appoint a committee to examine and report on alternative structures for Brookline's government:

Full Name (sign and print)

Address

Precinct

Jon L. Margolis Jonathan S. Margolis 49 Harvard Ave 7.

Barbara C. Hebert ~~Barbara C. Hebert~~ 21 Auburn St 7

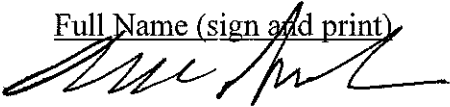

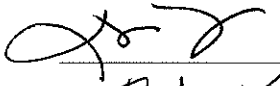
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 Neil Gordon	87 Ivy St	1
Ann Frechette	58 Beals St	8
 Amy Ericson James F. Franco	71 Carlton St	1
 Robert Garin Dick Garin	126 Amory St, #3	2
Murray Stewart	90 Toxteth St	3
Shael Herman	1126 Beacon St.	1
Catherine Carver	27 Monmouth St	1
Hugh Mattison	209 Pond Ave.	5
Deborah Brown	26 Parkman #1	