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May 2025 Annual Town Meeting
Warrant Article Guide and Voting Recommendations
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(subject to change, last updated May 28)

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Articles that are likely to be controversial:

- Article 9 (town budget) Lebovitz amendment to reject the proposed trash collection contract with Casella and keep trash collection "in-house" (town employees)
-  Articles 14 and 15, which propose changes to our zoning and general bylaws that would provide reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities when making building/demolition requests. There are competing versions of the proposed changes, with one version allowing more input from town boards and abutters.
-  Article 16, which would amend the zoning bylaws to increase requirements for long-term large bicycle parking spaces
-  Article 20, which would create a new bylaw banning the sale of foie gras
-  Article 24, which would create a Home Rule Petition asking the state to grant the town permission to levy a real estate transfer fee. The town's finance committee recommends a resolution instead of a Home Rule Petition.
-  Article 30, which is a resolution asking the Select Board to create a committee to review the work and recent report of the Moderator's

Committee on Forms of Government because the petitioners object to some of the methods and conclusions of that committee.

Glossary

SB Select Board (executive branch)

AC Advisory Committee (town finance committee)

CTO&S Committee on Town Organization and Structure

“To move” an article is to request that Town Meeting debate or take action on the article. Some articles that were filed have been withdrawn so we say “this article will not be moved”, meaning that Town Meeting will not discuss it or and will not vote on it.

The **Warrant** is the set of **Articles** that may be discussed at Town Meeting. Each **article** is like an agenda item for the Town Meeting. Some articles may propose changes to the town bylaws or zoning, some may propose spending money, some may be a resolution asking other parts of our municipal, state, or federal government to take some action.

FY25 Fiscal year 2025 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025) or “last year’s budget”, approved at the May 2024 Annual Town Meeting

FY26 Fiscal year 2026 (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) or “next year’s budget”, to be approved at the May 2025 Annual Town Meeting

PSB Public Schools of Brookline

“Favorable Action” means to vote yes and **“No Action”** means to vote no
Vote outcomes are listed Yes-No-Abstain

Article 1: Appointment of Measurers of Wood and Bark (Select Board)

This is the first warrant article at every annual (spring) Town Meeting, dating from a time when residents frequently purchased firewood to heat their homes. From the Advisory Committee report: *"The position of Measurer of Wood and Bark was an early effort at consumer protection (considered heretical to some in our current climate). ... While this article may appear but a quaint tradition, it is an important annual reminder of the progressive force and support of community-concerns afforded by our inclusive form of Town Meeting government."*


Recommendations: SB and AC unanimously favorable action, not likely to be controversial

Marissa's recommendation:  **Favorable action**

Article 2: Approval of Collective Bargaining Agreements (Human Resources)

This article is placed in the warrant for every Town Meeting when there are unsettled labor contracts, usually initially just as a placeholder and then the article is updated once a contract is signed. For this year there is a one-year extension of the agreement with the Brookline Engineering Division Associates, AFSCME (main, school traffic supervisors, library), and the teamsters (dispatchers), all for 2%. (see supplement)

Recommendations: SB and AC unanimously favorable action, not likely to be controversial.

Marissa's recommendation:  **Favorable action.** Note, however, that last spring Town Meeting approved new multi-year contracts with two other town employee unions that included variable annual increases ranging from 1% to 3%. I would like to see all of our town unions receive equal annual pay increases for COLAs.

Article 3: Annual authorization of Compensating Balance Agreements (Treasurer/Collector)

This is a simple financial procedure article that, by state law, requires Town Meeting approval. From the article description: "This article authorizes the Town Treasurer to enter into Compensating Balance Agreements, which are agreements between a depositor and a bank in which the depositor agrees to maintain a specified level of non-interest bearing deposits in return for which the bank agrees to perform certain services for the depositor."

Recommendations: SB and AC unanimously favorable action, not likely to be controversial.

Marissa's recommendation:  **Favorable action**

Article 4: Report on the close-out of special appropriations / Bond Authorization Rescission (Select Board)

This article does not require any action and will not be moved or discussed, but it is an annual article that lists the status of special

appropriations (capital expenses) and allows Town Meeting to rescind any unused portion of prior borrowing authorizations for bonded projects if applicable (it is not applicable this year).

Recommendations: SB and AC unanimously no action, will not be moved.

Article 5: FY25 Budget Amendment (Select Board)

This article was placed in the warrant in anticipation of a PSB budget shortfall in FY25 to give the town flexibility in making any necessary year-end adjustments to balance the FY25 budget. The anticipated PSB budget shortfall was addressed by the School Committee using the FY25 appropriation to PSB and no adjustments are necessary.

Recommendations: SB and AC unanimously no action, will not be moved

Article 6: Approval of unpaid bills of a prior fiscal year (Select Board)

This article is placed in the warrant every year in the uncommon but not impossible event that the town finds unpaid bills from a previous budget year. State law requires Town Meeting approval to pay such bills with money from the current budget year. There were some unpaid bills this year!


Recommendations: SB and AC unanimously favorable action, not likely to be controversial

Marissa's recommendation:  **Favorable action**

Article 7: Acceptance of legislation to increase certain property tax exemptions (Assessors)

A version of this article also appears every year because Town Meeting must authorize these property tax exemptions for low-income elderly residents, blind residents, and disabled veterans. (The total estimated cost is less than \$40k and only about 100 residents are eligible.) New for this year is that Town Meeting is also being asked to permanently opt into these property tax exemptions so that we will not need to reauthorize them next year as we have done since 1989.


Recommendations: SB and AC unanimously favorable action, not likely to be controversial

Marissa's recommendation:  **Favorable action.** I note that these exemptions are small and few in number, yet we often hear about the importance of keeping taxes low to allow seniors to age in place. Are the income limits in this program too stringent? What more could we be doing to help our most vulnerable residents of all ages?

Article 8: Establish a Departmental Revolving Fund for electric vehicle charging (Deputy Town Administrator & DPW Director)

This article seeks to establish a special account, called a “revolving fund”, that would receive funds from EV charging fees. This fund could only be used for costs associated with the EV chargers (utility fees, maintenance). The benefit is that all of the EV charging fees will then be used directly to support the operations of the EV charging stations rather than being mixed with general town revenues (which get split between town departments and schools). This will help keep the EV charging fees low as an incentive for drivers.

Recommendations: SB and AC unanimously favorable action, not likely to be controversial

Marissa's recommendation:  **Favorable action.** For now, I appreciate that the purpose of keeping the charging fees separate from the town/school split is to ensure that they can be used to incentivize electric vehicles. However, in the future this may become a revenue source (like parking fees) and I hope the fund could be revisited in that case.

Article 9: Annual (FY26) Budget Appropriations Article (Advisory Committee)

This is the town budget for next year. Town Meeting takes individual votes on certain items called “special appropriations”, which are mostly capital items and include some bonded (borrowed) expenses. Then Town Meeting takes one omnibus vote on the budget as a whole (we do not vote individually on departments, like PSB or DPW, except where there are proposed amendments).

Article 9 Lebovitz budget amendment: (Supplement No. 3) this amendment would increase the personnel category in DPW's sanitation department and decrease the services category to support “in-house” (town-provided) solid waste services next year. The decrease in the

services category reflects savings compared to the contract with Casella for outsourcing garbage collection. The amendment maintains the overall DPW and town budget. See background news article [here](#).


Recommendations: SB and AC unanimously favorable action on the budget as a whole; SB unanimously no action on the amendment and AC split 10-11-3.

Marissa's recommendation: none, listen to the debate. I'm struggling with understanding how we're hearing such different narratives – we're hearing one thing from our expert town staff and solid waste advisory committee but something very different from the amendment's proponents. To me, the important questions are: 1) will the workers who collect our garbage receive fair compensation and good working conditions regardless of whether they are employed by Casella or the town? 2) what impact would rejecting the contract have on our most vulnerable residents? (Will trash still be picked up – important for health & safety – or how will this impact affordability?)

Article 10: Annual (FY26) Community Preservation Act Fund Appropriations (Community Preservation Act Committee or CPAC)

This article asks Town Meeting to approve appropriations from Community Preservation Act funds, which come from a property tax surcharge that is restricted to certain spending categories (housing, historic preservation, and open space/recreation) and receives some matching state funding. The CPAC reviews proposals for CPA funds makes these recommendations to Town Meeting. This is the second year that Brookline is allocating CPA funds (total about \$4m). Most projects are related to preserving town-owned buildings or town-owned recreation/open space.

Recommendations: SB and AC unanimously favorable action, not likely to be controversial. Brookline for Everyone supports favorable action. Note that there are three separate votes: 1) allocating CPA funds into reserves, 2) allocating CPA funds to administrative expenses, and 3) approving the itemized allocations.

Marissa's recommendation:  **Favorable action**, but I hope that future CPA appropriations for historic preservation will focus on *town-owned* buildings.

Article 11: Accept Chapter 40U, Sections 1 and 2 of the General Laws to create a municipal hearing officer (Town Counsel)

This article will not be moved because Town Counsel wanted to edit the original submission in a way that the Moderator said would not be allowed (“out of scope”).

Recommendations: SB and AC unanimously no action, will not be moved

Article 12: Amend the Town’s General By-Laws and Zoning By-Law to establish a Floodplain Administrator and update the regulations related to the Floodplain Overlay District (DPW)

This article creates the position of Floodplain Administrator and updates town regulations to comply with updated FEMA maps and regulations so that the town will remain eligible for the National Flood Insurance Program

Recommendations: SB and AC unanimously favorable action, not likely to be controversial

Marissa’s recommendation:  **Favorable action**

Article 13: Amend Articles 3.48 of the Town’s General By-Laws relating to the election of Constables (Gordon, TMM1)

In the 2024 annual Town Meeting we approved a bylaw change transitioning to staggered terms for elected Constables. Now that the constables have been elected to staggered terms (May 2025 election) there is some outdated language in the town bylaws that this article will remove.

Recommendations: SB and AC unanimously favorable action, not likely to be controversial.

Marissa’s recommendation:  **Favorable action**

Article 14: Amend the Town’s Zoning By-Law to create an administrative review process for requests for reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities (Oates)



This warrant article would create an administrative process by which individuals with disabilities could request reasonable accommodations under the relevant federal laws (e.g. the ADA) when seeking relief from zoning rules restricting alterations or additions to their home. The town currently has no such process, which has caused a burden for individuals

with disabilities who have tried to modify their home (e.g. by installing an exterior elevator that violates the zoning bylaw). The town's lack of a process has also subjected those applicants to violations of their privacy during the public permitting process through which abutters can object to the requested accommodations.

There is a SB substitute motion. The SB motion in both Articles 14 & 15 would give abutters and town boards (Planning Board, Preservation Commission, ZBA) more input in the interactive process (or for Article 15, in the demolition request).

Recommendations: SB and AC support a substitute motion. Brookline for Everyone recommends favorable action on the Select Board substitute motion, and favorable action on the main motion regardless of which version comes up for a vote.

Note this article requires a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote to pass because it amends the town zoning bylaws.

Marissa's recommendation:  **No action on the substitute motion, then**  **Favorable action on whatever the main motion is.** While the substitute motion is being advertised as a "compromise" stemming from a misguided desire to balance abutter rights with the civil rights of individuals with disabilities. It is worth considering what it means in practice to allow abutters to weigh in on home modification requests – homeowners get subjected to [ableist language](#) and [invasions of privacy](#). We should not compromise on civil rights, we should provide our neighbors with disabilities the strongest protection as they are entitled to under federal law. Even if the petitioner's version may be imperfect, let's err on the side of the rights of the disabled and pass that version now and fix any errors in November.

[Click here for a flow chart illustrating how voting might proceed under Articles 14 and 15 if there is both a motion to refer and a substitute motion.](#)

Article 15: Amend Article 5.3 of the Town's General By-Laws to allow the Building Commissioner to exempt from the Demolition Delay those permits necessary for reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities.
(Oates)

Brookline's general bylaws impose a stay of demolition of one year on properties that are found to be significant. Article 15 would allow the Building Commissioner to issue a demolition permit without the 1-year stay

of demolition if necessary as a reasonable accommodation for individuals with disabilities.

There is a SB substitute motion. See article 14.

Recommendations: SB and AC support a substitute motion. CTO&S voted to support the SB version. Brookline for Everyone recommends favorable action on the Select Board substitute motion, and favorable action on the main motion regardless of which version comes up for a vote.

Marissa's recommendation: ❌ **No action on the substitute motion, then** ✅ **Favorable action on whatever the main motion is.** (see Article 14)

Article 16: Amend Section 6.05.3 of the Town's Zoning By-law to expand requirements to provide long-term bicycle parking spaces and the percentage of bicycle parking that is to be dedicated to larger bicycles (Ishak)

This article proposes a change to the zoning bylaw that would 1) increase the required percentage of long-term parking spots that are reserved for large bicycles (to accommodate increasing numbers of cargo bikes), and 2) increase the required amount of bicycle parking for buildings with multiple dwellings that are 100% affordable (from 0.5 parking spots per unit to 1.1 parking spots per unit, which is the same requirement as buildings with market rate multiple dwellings). (Note that the article has been amended since its initial submission - the petitioner accepted changes recommended by the Planning Board.)

Recommendations: AC 17-2-5 favorable action, SB no action 4-0-1, Planning Board 6-0-0 favorable action. Brookline for Everyone supports favorable action.

Marissa's recommendation: ✅ **Favorable action** to support healthy, fun, sustainable transportation and please vote yes because the article needs $\frac{2}{3}$ of TM to pass

Article 17: Amend Article 6.6 of the Town's General By-Laws to restrict the possession of firearms in medical/healthcare settings and places that serve alcohol for consumption on-site and other medical/healthcare settings (Ishak)

This article will restrict carrying or possessing firearms in medical offices, including offices where professionals provide mental health or substance abuse screening, and public establishments licensed to sell alcohol for on-premises consumption (e.g. restaurants/bars). This expands Brookline's current firearms restriction bylaw following updates to state law in 2024

and was drafted with assistance from the Giffords Law Center, a gun control advocacy group.

Recommendations: Unanimous favorable action from: AC, SB, Advisory Council on Public Health, and Small Business Development Committee, not likely to be controversial

Marissa's recommendation:  **Favorable action**

Article 18: Amend Article 8.32 of the Town's General By-Laws to reduce demand for single-use plastic food packaging (Hochberg, TMM2; Bowditch; & Richmond, TMM6)

The goal of this article is to reduce waste and plastic consumption by: 1) banning the use of black plastic in food takeout orders (unless necessary for food safety); 2) requiring that takeout orders only include single-use condiments and items like straws on a request, not automatic, basis; and 3) making other minor clarifications and changes to "catering" definition. The changes would not go into effect until July 2027, giving the town time to educate restaurant owners of the new requirements and giving restaurant owners time to adjust their business practices.

Recommendations: Unanimous favorable action from: SB, Advisory Council on Public Health, and Small Business Development Committee; favorable action from AC 19-1-4; not likely to be controversial. Brookline for Everyone supports favorable action.

Marissa's recommendation:  **Favorable action**

Article 19: Amend Article 8.33 of the Town's General By-Laws to expand and adjust the

regulation of plastic bags (Hochberg, TMM2; Bowditch; & Richmond, TMM6)

Like article 18, the goal of this warrant article is to reduce waste and plastic consumption by strengthening our "sustainable bags" bylaw so that it applies to all retailers. The current bylaw restricts plastic bag use only for certain large retailers but the new bylaw would now require that all retailers (including restaurants) use only recyclable paper bags, reusable checkout bags, or compostable bags (see text for updated definitions). Like article 18, the changes would not go into effect until July 2027, giving the town

time to educate business owners on the new requirements and for business owners to adjust their practices.


Recommendations: Unanimous favorable action from: SB, Advisory Council on Public Health, and Small Business Development Committee; favorable action from AC 20-2-1; not likely to be controversial. Brookline for Everyone supports favorable action.

Marissa's recommendation:  **Favorable action**

Article 20: Create a new General By-Law banning the sale of foie gras (Kleinbaum; Szelenyi; & Fischer, TMM11)

This article proposes a new bylaw would ban the sale of foie gras, which the bylaw would defines as “a food product made of the liver of ducks, geese, or other birds fattened **through the practice of force-feeding**”. (emphasis added) A handful of businesses in Brookline currently sell foie gras. Similar bans on foie gras are in effect in California and Pittsburgh.

Recommendations: AC favorable action 11-6-5; SB no action 4-0-1

Marissa's recommendation:  **Favorable action.** We should be careful how we restrict residents' freedom, particularly with respect to food (which can be closely tied to cultural traditions). But since this bylaw would only restrict access to a food item that is, by definition, produced through cruelty (and is a luxury food item) I think the benefits of the article outweigh the potential downsides.

Article 21: Create a new General By-Law establishing a Commission on Thriving Children and Youth (Lebovitz, TMM8; Moghtader, TMM1; Steigman)

As submitted, this article would have created a town bylaw establishing a Commission on Thriving Children and Youth. However, in response to many suggestions from town staff and community members the petitioners have accepted an amended version that is now a non-binding resolution calling on the Town Administrator to ensure that the Department of Health & Human Services work with town departments and non-town organizations to promote the well-being of all Brookline children.

Recommendations: Committee on Town Organization & Structure (CTO&S) and AC unanimously favorable action on amended version (resolution); at earlier meetings the Advisory Council on Public Health unanimously voted in favor of the

initial submission and SB voted 4-1-0 no action; this article is not likely to be controversial

Marissa's recommendation:  **Favorable action**

Article 22: Accept Chapter 59, Section 5O of the General Laws to establish a Good Landlord Tax Abatement program (Lebovitz, TMM8)

This article would have opted the town into participating in a Good Landlord Tax Abatement program with the goal of incentivizing landlords to set rents at affordable levels for low- and middle-income families. The state law enabling this type of program is new and Boston is in the process of implementing a tax abatement program. The petitioners decided to withdraw the article and the hope is that this could possibly be implemented in Brookline in the future while taking advantage of lessons learned from Boston's ongoing implementation.

Recommendations: SB and AC unanimously no action as the petitioners will not move the article

Article 23: Amend Article 3.4 of the Town's General By-Laws to require the Town Clerk to timely update the General By-Laws following amendment (Toffel, TMM8 & Lebovitz, TMM8)

This article initially was submitted as a bylaw change that would have required the Town Clerk to update the town bylaws within some time limit after they are changed by Town Meeting. The petitioners have agreed to change the article to a resolution stating the importance of updating the bylaws in a timely manner and supporting the April 2025 Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Town Clerk, Moderator, Select Board, and Town Administrator in which the Town Clerk agreed to update the bylaws within 10 days of AG approval.

Recommendations: SB and AC unanimously favorable action on resolution version; this article is not likely to be controversial



Marissa's recommendation:  **Favorable action**

Article 24: Home Rule Petition – Real Estate Transfer Fee (Lebovitz, TMM8 et al.)

This article would create a Home Rule Petition where the town asks the state legislature for permission to levy a real estate transfer fee. The fee would be applied to the value of property above a certain threshold, with certain exemptions like transfers within a family, could range from 0.5 to 2 % of the sales price, and would be paid by the seller. Revenue would be split between the town's general fund and the town's Affordable Housing Trust Fund. Brookline approved a similar warrant article in the past but its home rule petition was not approved by the state.

The Advisory Committee is proposing **a substitute motion in the form of a resolution** asking the state legislature to allow all municipalities to enact a real estate transfer fee.

Recommendations: SB and Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) unanimously support the home rule petition; AC instead supports a substitute resolution 11-10-3. Brookline for Everyone supports favorable action.

Marissa's recommendation:  **No action on the motion to substitute a resolution, then**  **Favorable action on the Home Rule Petition.** We need a HRP to get permission to enact the RETF, let's not water down the article with a resolution. Other communities have had similar HRPs passed successfully. To the extent that a HRP might require using some of our state representative/senator's "political capital" it seems that this type of effort, which would address the housing affordability crisis, is a very worthy cause for that political capital.

Article 25: Resolution regarding support of legislation to establish a Climate Change Superfund (Harris, TMM8)

This is a resolution that would declare Brookline's support for pending state legislation to create a Climate Change Superfund. Large fossil fuel companies would be required to pay into this fund according to their contribution to greenhouse gas emissions from 1995 to 2024. Total contributions are estimated at billions of dollars over 25 years that would be used to support climate resiliency and mitigate the effects of climate change, with 40% of the funds specifically allocated to environmental justice communities. Similar funds have been passed in Vermont and New York and resolutions supporting the Massachusetts efforts have been passed in Boston, Cambridge, Medford, and Malden.

Recommendations: SB unanimous favorable action; AC favorable action 15-2-5; not likely to be controversial

Marissa's recommendation:  **Favorable action**

Article 26: Resolution regarding support of legislation to prevent the forced payment of broker's fees by tenants during rental lease negotiations (Lebovitz, TMM8 et. al)

This is a resolution that would declare Brookline's support for pending state legislation to preventing the forced payment of broker's fees by tenants during rental lease negotiations. The legislation would require that broker fees be paid for by the party (landlord or tenant) engaging the broker and its goal is to support housing affordability. Currently, many tenants renting a new apartment are required to pay over \$10,000 in costs upfront (first and last months' rent, a security deposit, and broker fees), an amount that is unaffordable for many prospective residents. Greater Boston is the last major rental market that allows forced payment of broker fees by tenants.

Recommendations: unanimous favorable action from SB and Advisory Council on Public Health; AC favorable action 16-1-4; not likely to be controversial. Brookline for Everyone supports favorable action.

Marissa's recommendation:  **Favorable action**

Article 27: Resolution expressing support for Back from the Brink of Nuclear War resolutions and other associated efforts to eliminate nuclear weapons (Lebovitz, TMM8, Udalova, & Beck)

This resolution would declare Brookline's support for the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons; the national "Back from the Brink" platform urging our federal leaders to embrace this treaty and actively working to prevent nuclear war; and a related state resolution. Town Meeting passed an identical resolution in 2018.

Recommendations: SB unanimous favorable action; no recommendation from AC 12-5-4; not likely to be controversial

Marissa's recommendation:  **Favorable action**

Article 28: Resolution affirming the Town's commitment to democracy (Fischer, TMM13 & Gordon, TMM1)

This resolution would declare Brookline's support for the Constitution and the rule of law, affirming that

This resolution would declare Brookline's support for the Constitution and the rule of law, and make a pledge to defend the rights of those who are "illegally and unconstitutionally targeted because of their race, color, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, age, religion" and other characteristics. The resolution is a statement of opposition to the illegal and unconstitutional actions of the 47th president and his administration.


Recommendations: SB and AC unanimous favorable action; not likely to be controversial

Marissa's recommendation:  **Favorable action.**

Article 29: Resolution providing support for transgender, non-binary, and gender diverse people (MacKenzie et. al.)

This resolution would declare Brookline's support for the rights and safety of transgender, non-binary, and gender diverse individuals in our community, including students. The resolution calls for appropriate accommodations for those individuals in public facilities and reaffirms Town Meeting's support for the May 2023 bylaw establishing that town resources may not be used to provide information about lawful gender-affirming healthcare to out-of-state parties. The resolution sends an important message of support to our transgender, non-binary, and gender diverse residents and community members in the face of the recent presidential executive orders targeting those individuals, including orders banning use of the words "gender" and "non-binary" and efforts to exclude transgender individuals from serving in the military.

Recommendations: SB, AC, and Advisory Council on Public Health all unanimous favorable action; not likely to be controversial

Marissa's recommendation:  **Favorable action.** Approving this article will send a powerful message of support and inclusion to our transgender and gender diverse neighbors. It is heartbreaking to hear how these folks feel targeted by the actions of our federal government and frequently feel unsafe even here in Brookline.

Article 30: Resolution regarding the work of the Moderator's Committee on Forms of Government (Rosenthal, TMM9 et. al)

This resolution was initially submitted as a request to the Moderator's Committee on Forms of Government (MCFG), but that committee has since submitted its final report and has disbanded (April 2025). The resolution has since been changed to one asking the Select Board to form a committee to review and continue the MCFG's work and final report because the petitioners object to some of the methods and conclusions of that committee.

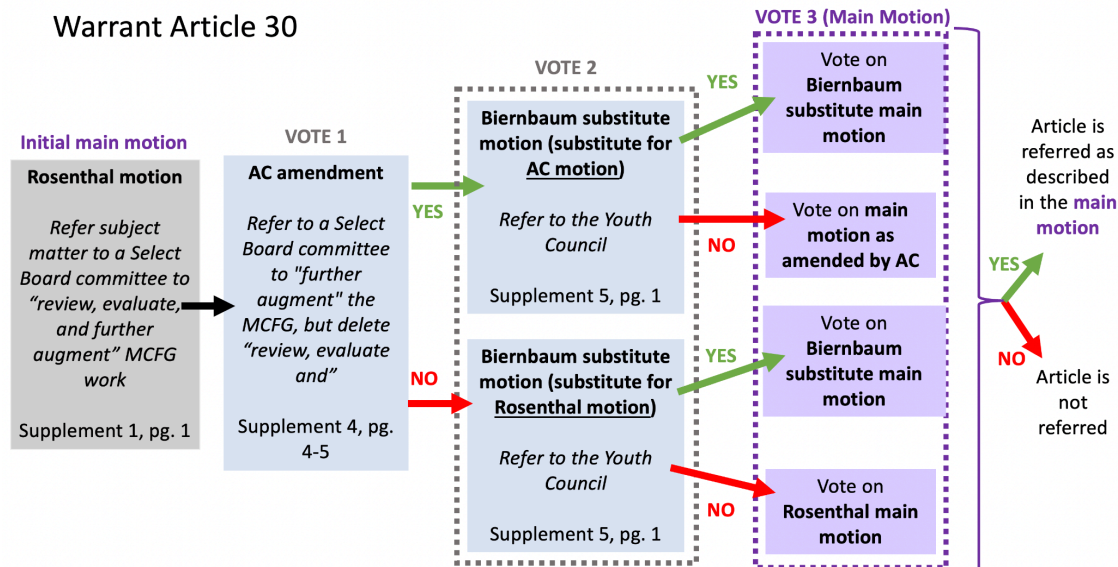
There is an amendment and a substitute motion, see voting flow chart below.

Recommendations: SB 3-1-1 favorable action on initially submitted version which is no longer applicable; no AC report currently available. Brookline for Everyone supports no action.

Marissa's recommendation: **✗ No action on the main motion.** I was also a little disappointed that the MCFG didn't give any real consideration to the possibility of an Open Town Meeting - but there's still a lot of great analysis in the report. Anyone who doesn't like the outcome of the report is free to ignore it, but let's not waste more of our town volunteer time second guessing the diligent work of this committee. Instead let's look to a potential charter change ballot question and an elected charter commission to discuss what form of government would best work for Brookline.

I will be voting **✗no on the amendment** , **✓yes on the substitute motion**, then **✗no on the main motion.**

Warrant Article 30



Tab 2

