



## TOWN MEETING

## ARTICLE: 3(A)

## MOTION:

That Sections 3(B)(2), 3(B)(3) and 7 of the Special Act, as proposed by the Town Government Study Committee, be amended as set forth below and that corresponding changes be made in Sections 1.2.b, 20.3.b, 20.3.c and 43.6 of the General Bylaws:

(1) in Section 3(B)(2), by inserting, after the words “municipal light board,” the words “the natural resources commission and its wetlands protection committee,” so that Section 3(B)(2) would read as follows:

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 48, section 42 or 42A, if accepted at any time by the town, or any other general or special law to the contrary, the town manager may appoint a police chief, a fire chief or chief fire engineer, a town clerk and all other department heads and officers. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, appointment of subordinates and all other employees shall be made by the town manager, or the department head or chief staff employee if so designated by the town manager. Appointments of the police chief and fire chief or chief fire engineer shall not take effect unless approved by the board of selectmen. Any appointment of other department heads or chief staff employees of elected and appointed boards and committees shall be made only after consultation with such board or committee regarding applicable duties and qualifications; and an opportunity for such board or committee to interview one or more final candidates submitted by the Town Manager or through a process under the direction of the Town Manager. Such appointment shall take effect no sooner than (1) it is approved by such board or committee; or (2) 15 calendar days after notice of the appointment has been provided to such board or committee without any action thereon; whichever occurs first. The town manager may remove any employee. The town manager shall provide notice to the affected board or committee before such removal if practicable, but in no case later than the end of the third business day following the removal of a department head or chief staff employee. This subsection shall not apply to employees of the school committee, the municipal light board, **the natural resources commission and its wetlands protection committee**, appointments made by the commonwealth or appointments for which another method of appointment is provided for in this act.

(2) in Section 3(B)(3), by deleting the word “and” and inserting a comma after the words “the school department,” and inserting, after the words “the municipal light department,” a comma and the words “and the natural resources commission and its wetlands protection committee” so that Section 3(B)(3) would read as follows:

(3) The town manager shall manage and supervise all town departments except for the school department, **and** the municipal light department, **and the natural resources commission and its wetlands protection committee.**

(3) by deleting Section 7 in its entirety, renumbering Sections 8 through 12 accordingly, and making corresponding changes to section references in Section 9.

Approved:

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Moderator’s Signature

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Sponsor’s Signature