



## **REPORT OF THE JOINT CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE OCTOBER 2015**

### **FY 16 Fall Town Meeting Recommendation Summary**

**Article 5** would amend the General Bylaws to allow the use of electronic voting systems in Town Meeting. The proposed changes would not abolish existing procedures for voting, but would provide for a more rapid, accurate, and tamper-resistant means of voting when the Moderator is unsure of a voice vote or when the usual numbers of town meeting members request a standing or tally vote.

The Joint Capital Planning Committee supports Article 5 because it may improve the efficiency and accuracy of Town Meeting.

The JCPC voted in favor of this Article with 6 supporting, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 2 absent.

**Article 6** asks the Town to appropriate \$26,000 to pay for the purchase of an electronic voting system for Town Meeting. Contingent upon approval of Article 5, this Article would allow for the purchase of an as-yet-undecided electronic voting system. This money was approved by the JCPC in 2015 in the context of a reasonable and well-thought-out proposal to improve the efficiency and accuracy of Town Meeting Votes. The JCPC explored a number of options, including renting or leasing electronic voting equipment, but believe that purchasing is the most cost-effective way to obtain this equipment.

The JCPC voted in favor of this Article with 6 supporting, 0 against, 0 abstaining, and 2 absent.

### **JOINT CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Katherine Appy, School Committee  
Steve Braun, Finance Committee  
Bernie Kubiak, Finance Committee  
Tamson Ely, Library Trustees  
Richard Hood, School Committee  
Connie Kruger, Select Board  
Jonathan McCabe, Library Trustees  
Doug Slaughter (chair), Select Board

Staff Liaisons: Sanford Pooler, Finance Director and Sonia Aldrich, Comptroller