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SECTION 2-7 INITIATION OF WARRANT ARTICLES

(b) Time and Manner of Submission - Whenever the Board of Selectmen shall determine to call a special town meeting, it shall post a notice of such intention on the Town bulletin board and the Town website. ...

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SECTION 3-1 IN GENERAL

- (c) Terms If the annual town election occurs prior to the date of the annual town meeting, officials elected at the annual town election shall, after being sworn to the faithful performance of their duties, begin their terms on the day after the adjournment of the annual town meeting,
- (f) Recall of Elected Officers
 - 3.... The recall petitions shall be returned to the office of the Town Clerk within 20 days following the date they are issued, and signed by at least 15% of the total number of persons registered to vote as of the date of the most recent annual Town Election_registered voters.

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If the majority of the votes cast is in favor of the recall, and provided at least 20 per cent of the total number of voters as of the date of the most recent annual Town election have participated at such recall election, the officer shall be deemed to be recalled and the ballots for candidates shall then be counted and the candidate receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected, and shall forthwith take the oath of office.

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- (c) Appointment Powers The Board of Selectmen shall appoint those offices and multiple member bodies listed below, and such additional multiple-member bodies as may be established by Bylaw or State <u>Statute</u> in accordance with any requirements relative thereto that may be set forth by the Town Bylaws;
 - <u>Zoning</u> Board of Appeals
 - Development and Industrial Commission
 - Town Forest Committee
 - Capital Planning Committee
 - Industrial Development Financing Authority, as provided in chapter 40D of the General Laws
 - Environmental Certifying Officer
 - Master Plan Implementation Committee

A person shall not serve concurrently as a member of more than 1 of the following multiple-member bodies: Planning Board, <u>Zoning</u> Board of Appeals, or the Conservation Commission.

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Sec 4-2 Powers and Duties

- (h) Shall attend all sessions of the Town <u>Meeting</u> and shall answer all questions concerning warrant articles which relate to matters under the manager's general supervision.
- (t) The Board of Selectmen may authorize the Town Manager to sign warrants prepared by the Town Accountant in accordance with the provisions of section 56 of chapter 41 of the General Laws for the payment of town funds, and approval of any such warrant by the Town Manager shall be sufficient authority to authorize payment by the Treasurer; <u>pr</u>ovided, however, in the event of a temporary or permanent vacancy in the office of Town Manager, the Board of-Selectmen shall have sole authority to approve such warrants for payment.
- (u) Shall perform such other duties as may be required of the Manager by the Charter, by Bylaw, by Town Meeting vote or by vote of the Board of Selectmen.

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SECTION 7-8 VACANCIES IN APPOINTED MULTIPLE MEMBER BODIES

- (a) Whenever a ...
- (b) Whenever a vacancy occurs in any elected or appointed Board or Committee, the appointing authority shall forthwith cause public notice of the vacancy or impending vacancy to be posted on the Town bulletin board and the Town's website for not less than ten days. Such notice shall contain a description of the duties of the office or position and listing of the necessary or desirable qualifications to fill the appointment. No permanent appointment to fill a position shall be effective until at least fourteen days have elapsed following the date the notice was first posted in order to permit reasonable consideration of all applicants.