

**Warrant Committee
General Government Subcommittee**

Minutes - April 14, 2022
Meeting held via Zoom

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DATE: June 16, 2022
TIME: 9:17 AM

Attending: Elizabeth Dionne, Jennifer Fallon, Bob McLaughlin, Paul Rickter
Absent: Ellen Schreiber

Meeting was called to order at 8:10 am.

Discussion on the General Government section of the Warrant Committee report

The subcommittee discussed the proposed draft of the General Government section of the FY23 Warrant Committee report and made several revisions of the text.

In addition to minor edits to fix typos and improve readability, the following substantive revisions were made:

- Added a paragraph at the beginning of the section, noting how FTEs in these seven departments have been static, even as the scope of work has grown.
- Added text to the Town Clerk section, providing more detail about how the variable number of elections held in each fiscal year affects the department budget.
- Added a short description of the Accounting Department, to match comparable department descriptions provided for the other departments.
- Relocated to a new location in the Accounting Department section a paragraph that described the impact of recent building projects on the department.
- Removed a table that broke out the Treasurer's budget by function, because the other department sections didn't provide comparable tables.
- Agreed to include a paragraph that recommends consideration of shifting from an elected Treasurer to an appointed one when the current elected Treasurer completes his tenure.
- Added a reference to the 2011 report by the Division of Local Services of the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, which recommended Belmont shift to an appointed Treasurer.

The amended version of the General Government was approved. Moved: McLaughlin,
Seconded: Dionne, Voted 4-0.

Public Comment

No members of the public were present, so there were no public comments.

Meeting adjourned 8:55 am

Submitted by Paul Rickter