

ARTICLE 28

TOWN CHARTER AMENDMENT: MODERATOR TERM

WARRANT COMMITTEE MEMBER: ED VOZZELLA

To see if the Town will vote to propose an amendment to the Town Charter, to be submitted to the voters at the next annual town meeting for the election of officers, for their approval pursuant to the Home Rule Procedures Act, G.L. Chapter 43B, Sections 10 and 11, as follows:

Section 2-4 Moderator and Deputy Moderator; election, appointing powers, terms, compensation

Amend the first sentence as follows:

Beginning with the 2026 annual election, the Moderator shall be elected for a term of three years and, upon election, shall preside over the Annual Town Meeting and any Special Town Meeting; or do or act anything in relation thereto.

POSITIVE MOTION

Move that Article 28 be passed as set out in the Warrant.

Warrant Committee Report: *Currently section 2-4 of the Medfield Town Charter states that the "Moderator shall be elected at the regular annual election for a term of one year." This article proposes to amend the Town Charter to allow for the Town Moderator to be elected for a term of three years. If this article is approved by the Annual Town Meeting, it will then require a ballot question at the Annual Town Election in March, 2025 in accordance with state requirements.*

The term of Moderator is the only annually elected position in town. The Warrant Committee has reviewed the pros and cons to a multi-year appointment and agrees with the Select Board that a three year term for the Moderator provides more stability given that the Annual Town Election occurs about six weeks prior to the Annual Town Meeting.