

Michael Borg  
Town Manager



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## INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** Friday, November 14, 2025  
**TO:** Town Clerk Pat McNielly  
**FROM:** Michael Borg, Town Manager  
**CC:** Stacy Blaisdell, Town Accountant  
Tammy Baillargeon, Assistant Town Accountant  
Peter Gay, North T.V. Director  
Chris Sweet, Town Treasurer/Tax Collector  
**RE:** Measure 2026-034- Approval of Amendment to Council Rule- Section 3(c)(ii)(a).

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**Town Council Meeting- President Justin Paré**

**Measure 2026-034-** Approval of Amendment to Council Rule- Section 3(c)(ii)(a).

### **Purpose and Justification:**

#### Purpose:

This measure proposes an amendment to Council Rule—Section 3(c)(ii)(a): Referral— a. Finance Measures-All Measures within the following criteria, shall be introduced during an open session of a Town Council Meeting and then directed to the Finance Sub-Committee for recommendation: I. Transfer of appropriation amounts equal to or exceeding the value set by the Town Council as required in the North Attleborough Town Charter Art VI Section 6-6(c). II. Financial details for the Town Manager's Annual Budget. III. Financial details of Contracts. The new proposed rule would create the following exception and be placed after "recommendation", "excepting funding requests related to the Verizon and Comcast PEG access accounts which may be voted off the floor."

#### Justification:

The current rule ensures that the Town Council treat financial measures with a higher level of scrutiny and transparency as they are related to the expenditure of tax payer money and affect the operating budget. However, Comcast and Verizon PEG access funds are not taxpayer funds, but instead are funds paid directly by cable subscribers and held by the town to be used only for North TV. These funds do not affect the town's operating budget. North TV has a Board of Directors with subject matter expertise on where and how the funds should be used. The introduction of a measure, a referral to the sub-committee, the return to council and eventual vote by the Council creates an unnecessary delay.

#### Purpose of the Proposed Rule:

- To eliminate delay, effectively utilize the Finance Sub-Committee, and speed access to PEG access funds.

Legal and Charter Compliance:

There are no known Charter prohibitions as this was a Town Council Rule created pursuant to the powers granted to the Council by the Charter.

The Town Council met on October 27, 2025, and on behalf of the Town Council, a motion was made by Vice-President Lapointe to refer to the Measure 2026-034- Approval of Amendment to Council Rule- Section 3(c)(ii)(a) to the Rules Sub-Committee for further review and consideration.

Councilor Simmons seconded the motion.

**Motion carried. 7-0.**

The Rules Sub-Committee met on November 10, 2025, and on behalf of the Committee, a motion was made by Councilor McCarthy to refer Measure 2026-034- Approval of Amendment to Council Rule- Section 3(c)(ii)(a) back to the Full Town Council with a positive recommendation.

Mr. St. Lawrence seconded the motion.

**Motion carried. 4-0.**

The Town Council met on November 10, 2025, and on behalf of the Town Council, a motion was made by Councilor Slobogan to approve Measure 2026-034- Approval of Amendment to Council Rule- Section 3(c)(ii)(a).

Councilor Donovan seconded the motion.

**Motion carried. 7-0.**