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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: Tuesday, November 25, 2025
TO: Town Clerk Pat McNielly
FROM: Michael Borg
CC: Councilor John Costello
RE: **Measure 2026-030-Proposed Rule requiring any Town Councilor who submits a measure as the petitioner to attend meetings of those bodies when their measure is being discussed.**

Town Council Meeting- President Justin Paré
Measure 2026-030-Proposed Rule requiring any Town Councilor who submits a measure as the petitioner to attend meetings of those bodies when their measure is being discussed.

Purpose and Justification:

This proposed rule is intended to improve communication and coordination between the Town Council and other boards, committees, and commissions. When Councilors submit measures that require review or recommendation by another body, their participation in those discussions can provide helpful background, context, and intent that may not be apparent from the written measure alone.

At a recent public hearing on a zoning bylaw amendment submitted by the Council, a member of the Planning Board commented that it would be helpful if the individuals proposing such changes attended the meetings to speak about them. That is a point well taken. Requiring Councilors who serve as petitioners on measures to attend relevant meetings would promote clearer communication, strengthen collaboration among boards, and help ensure that each body has the information it needs to make well-informed decisions.

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 Measure 2026-030- Proposed Rule requiring any Town Councilor who submits a measure as the petitioner to attend meetings of those bodies when their measure is being discussed, to the Rules Sub-Committee for further discussion and consideration.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Simmons.

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 2026-030- Proposed Rule requiring any Town Councilor who submits a measure as the petitioner to attend meetings of those bodies when their measure is being discussed, back to the Full Town Council with a positive recommendation.

The motion was seconded by Greg St. Lawrence.

Motion carried. 3-0

The Town Council met on November 10, 2025, and on behalf of the Town Council, a motion was made by Councilor Slobogan to refer Measure 2026-030- Proposed Rule requiring any Town Councilor who submits a measure as the petitioner to attend meetings of those bodies when their measure is being discussed, back to the Rules Sub-Committee for new language and then be continued to the November 24, 2025 Town Council Meeting.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Costello.

Motion carried. 7-0

The Rules Sub-Committee met on November 24, 2025, and on behalf of the Committee, a motion was made by Councilor McCarthy to refer Measure 2026-030- Proposed Rule requiring any Town Councilor who submits a measure as the petitioner to attend meetings of those bodies when their measure is being discussed back to the Full Town Council with a favorable recommendation .

The motion was seconded by Greg St. Lawrence.

Motion carried. 3-0

The Town Council met on November 24, 2025, and on behalf of the Town Council, a motion was made by Vice-President Lapointe to approve Measure 2026-030- Proposed Rule requiring any Town Councilor who submits a measure as the petitioner to attend meetings of those bodies when their measure is being.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Costello.

Motion carried. 9-0.