

**HAMPDEN**  
**MASSACHUSETTS**



**GOVERNMENT STUDY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**Meeting: March 5, 2024; 6:30pm**

**Attendees:**

	Cliff Bombard	X	Keith Pixley
X	Michal Boudreau		Luis Severino
X	Eric Brewer		
X	Donna Hatch		
X	John Matthews		

Minutes for February 27th were accepted as written.

**Minutes**

Warrant articles are due March 15, 2024. We discussed four proposed warrant articles provided by the town attorney and agreed to add a fifth. We voted to proceed with the following.

1. Increase the BOS from 3 to 5
2. Convert elected treasurer to appointed treasurer/collector
3. Convert elected clerk to appointed clerk
4. Article to Allow an Alternate Voting Method
5. Change the name of BOS to Selectboard

For the BOS name change, BOS and Planning need to determine if there's enough time for the Planning Board to hold a public hearing in advance of the Town Meeting. If not, we recommend this article be moved to the Fall Special Town Meeting.

Report for the Annual Town Meeting (ATM):

1. We continued to review our draft report, discussed content, and assignments for the next meeting.
2. Future meetings will continue to focus on deliverables for the warrant and ATM.

The Committee adjourned at 9:10pm.

Next Meeting: March 12