

ATM 29 - Procurement Reorganization – Amend Charter

minutes from 1/20/16 A&F meeting

Article 29 is the result of a recent slight reorganization. The Board of Selectmen voted at its meeting December 8, 2015 to move the Procurement division from the Finance Department to Administration. This was done to leverage the expertise of the new Assistant Town Manager and because the Town Manager is the Chief Procurement Officer for the Town. This change will allow a more efficient and effective purchasing program. As a result, the Town Charter needs to be modified by deleting the term “general supervision of the purchase of all goods, services, materials, and supplies by the town: and” under section 3-8-2 and deleting the word “procurement” under section 3-9-4.

Question:

What happens if the Assistant Town Manager with this specialized skill leaves the town? (C Merrill) The town can proceed or it can choose to reorganize and amend the Charter again.

Patrick O’Brien made a motion to recommend Article 29 to Town Meeting. Betty Cavacco, second.

Patrick O’Brien pointed out that Procurement was in Administration in the past and had been moved. It makes sense for it to be in Administration.

The motion passes unanimously (13-0-0).