Plymouth Charter Review Committee 2015

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 2, Section 4-6, of the Town Charter as follows:

Chapter 2-4-6

~~Except in the case of a unanimous voice vote as declared by the Moderator, a.~~ A roll call vote shall be required for all final main motions *on every warrant article and on any* matters with respect to the following subject matters: adoption or amendment of zoning by-laws; adoption or amendment of general by-laws; and fiscal matters which are defined as any appropriation, borrowing, fund transfer, or the creation of or re-authorization of such enterprise or revolving funds as may be authorized by state law, provided, however, that in the event of a vote which the Moderator determines to be near unanimous, the Moderator may elect to take a roll call of only those voting in the minority.

The intent of this change is to simply require that a roll call vote be taken for every warrant article that comes before Town Meeting.

This article does not stipulate electronic voting, but as with recent Town Meetings, an electronic vote can be used as a roll call. However, if electronic voting becomes unavailable, this change will require a traditional roll call.

This article does not require roll call voting for any procedural votes, such as a motion to adjourn, a motion to take articles out of order, a motion to call the vote, a motion to extend time, a motion to amend, etc.

This change comes at the request of those who asked for more accountability from Town Meeting members, as the roll call votes will become a permanent record for how each member votes on each article and will be recorded in the minutes.

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