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Current Code:

§ 19-3

Finance Committee reports.

[Amended 5-5-1983 ATM by Art. 21; 5-1-2000 ATM by Art. 17]

The Board of Selectmen, after drawing a warrant for a Town meeting, shall immediately forward a copy thereof to each member of said Finance Committee, which shall consider all articles in the warrant and make such report, in print or otherwise to the Town meeting as it deems for the best of the Town. In gathering information to prepare its report, if any, relative to an article, after reading the report of submitted by the article sponsor, the Finance Committee shall meet with the party or parties that proposed the article and concurrently with others who want to comment thereon, and shall publicly post notice thereof on the Town's principal official bulletin board at least 48 hours, including Saturdays but not Sundays and legal holidays, prior to such meeting. However, if the Finance Committee's report on any article exceeds 30 words in length, excepting an article which requests approval of the Town's itemized, omnibus operating budget for the ensuing fiscal year, and any article that the Finance Committee deems to represent no or minimal financial impact, then that report on said article shall conclude with a summary of reasons favoring the article that were considered by the Finance Committee in its deliberations and a separate summary of reasons disfavoring the article that were considered by the Finance Committee in its deliberations.

The Committee shall also make an annual report which shall be published as part of the Annual Town Report and which shall include recommendations for appropriations for the ensuing year, a budget and such further recommendations regarding the finances of the Town and action in regard thereto as seems to such Committee to be necessary and appropriate.

Proposed Code Revisions:

§ 19-3 Finance Committee: Recommendations and Reports

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