

Report from Hybrid TM Study Committee



presented by Co-Chairs, Alex Bagnall and Rebecca Gruber

Established per vote of Spring 2023 Special Town Meeting

Charge:

- Review other towns' hybrid TM practices and technologies
- Evaluate hybrid TM legal, policy, procedural, social, and access issues
 - Include impact on community interest in serving as TMM's
- Evaluate and recommend potential technology approach, including budgetary impact
- Support implementation as required

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First convened in November 2023, hybrid meetings held monthly

Work to Date

- Attended Lexington's hybrid town meeting
 - Will follow-up with outstanding questions regarding technology details, costs, design and rollout experience, etc.
 - Plan to attend other towns' hybrid meetings, e.g., Belmont, Burlington, Brookline
- Evaluated current and pending governing State legislation

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Work to date (cont'd):

- Designed surveys to assess opinions, concerns, and potential usage of remote TM access, to four groups:
 - Current and former TMMs
 - Past users of the Town Meeting Remote Room
 - Community at large

Survey current TMM: <https://forms.gle/Vomh4fkiaSrALHd7A>

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Timeframe of possible hybrid technology rollout for Arlington Town Meeting is to be determined. Impacted by:

- Technology selection
- Budgetary/contractual issues
- Existing Town bylaws

Committee Web Page: tinyurl.com/HybridTMSC

Committee Members: Alex Bagnall, Town Meeting Member; Kerrie Fallon; Pete Gast, Town Meeting Member; Rebecca Gruber, Town Meeting Member; Guillermo Hamlin, Town Meeting Member; Steve Storch