

## WTMSC Committee Meetings - Potential Topics for Future Agendas

### *Tentative Schedule:*

- March 25, 2026 – Susan Clark
  - April 22, 2026 – Duxbury & Cambridge
  - May 27, 2026 – UVM Center for Rural Studies & Brattleboro
  - June 24, 2026 – Morrisville & Jericho
  - July 22, 2026 - Date/Time, Technology Upgrades, Town Report Improvements
  - August 26, 2026 - Special Articles, Lunch, Youth Participation, Citizen Training
  - September 23, 2026 – Review preliminary report/PowerPoint to Select Board
  - October 28, 2026 - Review Select Board input
  - November 18, 2026 (rescheduled to 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month) (SAL Room, 7 PM-9 PM)
  - December 16, 2026 (rescheduled to 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month) (SAL Room, 7 PM-9 PM)
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- Research Phase (Is option promising? Do we keep option on the list?)
- Decision Making Process (consensus-based, voting-based, hot-warm-cool, matrix – how valuable? How easy?)

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- Duxbury – informational meeting followed by drive-thru Australian ballot
- Jericho – floor meeting followed by ballot vote
- Massachusetts – remote options and “clickers” for voting

### Options to Increase Participation in Town Meeting

- Improving Town Report – presentation of budget, reports from groups
- Moving Date or Time of Town Meeting
- ADA Accessibility – parking, shuttle bus, closed captioning
- Survey of Waterbury Residents - See Cambridge example
- Cambridge – town meeting study committee
  - SWOT Analysis
  - Review of Voter Turnout & Community Survey Results
  - What Other Towns are Doing (Duxbury, Jericho, Fletcher, Massachusetts)
  - Recommendations – No Statute Change (Change date/time, structured agenda, ADA accessibility, more technology, childcare, youth involvement)

- Recommendations – Statute Change (Jericho model, 17 year olds)

#### Options to Improve Town Meeting process

- Special Articles
- Quality of discussion, Pacing
- Town Meeting Training – “how to make motions” “Guide to Town meeting”
- Technology Modernization

#### Options to increase civic engagement in general

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