

Town Meeting Survey

The Town Meeting Study Committee is seeking input regarding town meetings. Please fill out one per registered voter. For additional copies, please download at www.town.lynnfield.ma.us.

Please note that some changes may require by-law or charter revisions.

Part I. Town Meeting Attendance

- 1) I attend Town Meetings:
 - a) almost always
 - b) sometimes
 - c) rarely
 - d) never

- 2) I have attended Town Meetings:
 - a) both Spring and Fall
 - b) Spring only
 - c) Fall only
 - d) never attended

- 3) If you have missed Town Meetings, what prevents you from attending? (Choose all that apply):
 - a) work conflict
 - b) time of meeting
 - c) childcare issues
 - d) parking issues
 - e) length of meeting
 - f) day of meeting
 - g) transportation
 - h) don't know when/where it is held
 - i) lack of interest

- 4) What would make you more likely to attend a meeting? (Choose all that apply)
 - a) knowledge of date/place of meeting
 - b) knowledge of issues
 - c) respectful environment
 - d) different start time (either earlier OR later)
 - e) meeting on the weekend
 - f) childcare options
 - g) shorter meetings
 - h) speaking limits
 - i) having electronic voting

- 5) Where do you hear about Town Meeting? (Choose all that apply)
 - a) local businesses
 - b) local newspaper
 - c) town website
 - d) town Facebook page
 - e) friends/neighbors
 - f) school calendar
 - g) town hall postings

Part II. How do you think we can improve Town Meetings?

- 1) Currently, a quorum (minimum number of voters) of 175 voters is required to hold the Town Meeting. Do you think the quorum should be:
 - a) unchanged
 - b) increased
 - c) lowered
 - d) eliminated
 - e) the quorum is unimportant to me

2) Traditionally, Town Meetings start at 7:30 and continue until all articles are discussed and voted on. Do you think Town Meeting should:

- a) Start earlier? Y N
- b) Start later? Y N
- c) Finish at an earlier time, even if all articles have not been discussed, and adjourn to another day? Y N

3) Do you think Town Meeting procedures should:

- a) Allow the same speaker to be recognized more than once on same article? Y N
- b) Place a time limit on presentations by board, committee or invited guests? Y N
- c) Place a time limit on questions and comments? Y N
- d) Pass microphones through the seats? Y N
- e) Place microphones in a stationary podium and have speakers line up to speak? Y N

4) What technology should the town invest in to improve Town Meetings? (Circle all that apply)

- a) electronic check-in
- b) electronic voting
- c) additional microphones
- d) Two-way screens for multiple rooms
- e) video screen to display motions

5) To you, what is the most important issue about the check-in process? (Check all that apply)

- a) check-in starts early (1 hour before meeting)
- b) check-in is conducted electronically
- c) check-in is conducted manually

If you have any other suggestions or comments on how to improve Town Meetings, please let us know here:

Return with your census or deliver no later than January 31, 2018 to:
Town Clerk
55 Summer Street
Lynnfield, MA 01940