

Letter regarding volunteer participation

To the Mayor and Town Council:

Regarding the most recent letter from Tom Land:

There should be a provision where volunteer committees can allow outside [not resident in the Grove] observers and experts to participate in the life of volunteer committees such as provide guidance on historic preservation planning documents, legal matters, statistics, financial matters, perspectives on the proceedings, and similar items during an open session to which they were invited by town members.

No town committee can have such outside observers or experts in voting roles.

The chairs of volunteer committees can serve for a maximum of six years. If they return to the chair, they may do so after not being chair for two years. The timing of the limits would place current ones in year one following one year after the passage of the bill.

Those who participate in volunteer committees who are property owning nonresidents cannot use their votes to break ties. This would be determined as follows. The property owner nonresident votes would count unless there was a tie. Then, the vote result would be counted for resident votes only.

Please consider debating on how much influence nonresident property holders should have. For example, should the views of such people be taken over those who are resident at the time of the vote?

Thank you,

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