



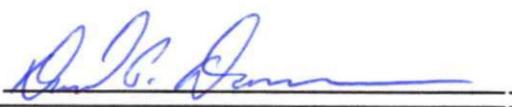
Measure #: 2026-030

TOWN COUNCIL MEASURE SUBMITTAL

Date: 10/27/2025 Submitted By: Councilor Donovan Telephone #: 508-699-0100

MEASURE DESCRIPTION:

Proposed Rule requiring any Town Councilor who submits a measure as the petitioner to attend meetings of those bodies when their measure is being discussed.

Signed: 

PURPOSE AND JUSTIFICATION:

This proposed rule is intended to improve communication and coordination between the Town Council and other boards, committees, and commissions. When Councilors submit measures that require review or recommendation by another body, their participation in those discussions can provide helpful background, context, and intent that may not be apparent from the written measure alone.

At a recent public hearing on a zoning bylaw amendment submitted by the Council, a member of the Planning Board commented that it would be helpful if the individuals proposing such changes attended the meetings to speak about them. That is a point well taken. Requiring Councilors who serve as petitioners on measures to attend relevant meetings would promote clearer communication, strengthen collaboration among boards, and help ensure that each body has the information it needs to make well-informed decisions.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

ATTACHMENTS:

REFER TO SUB-COMMITTEE: Rules Sub-Committee

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