



**Town Clerk**  
*Elizabeth Gaffey*

*Town of Walpole*  
*Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

*Town Hall*  
*135 School Street*  
*Walpole, MA 02081*

**ARTICLE 14: *On Motion by the Finance Committee; it was Moved & Seconded:***

That the Town vote to approve Article 14 as printed in the warrant.

**As printed in the Warrant:**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by accepting the following changes to the Town of Walpole's General Bylaws as shown in **bold** and deletions shown in ~~strike~~through:

Chapter 5 Animal Control Officer

Chapter 5 –1 - Edit section to read as follows:

The Select Board shall appoint an Animal Control Officer to perform such duties as directed by the Chief of Police, to enforce the Rules and bylaws concerning dogs and warm-blooded animals in the Town of Walpole, and perform such other duties as directed by the Chief of Police. In the absence of the Animal Control Officer, the Police Department will act as the Animal Control Officer, coordinating with the full-time Animal Control Officer or such other Animal Control Officer(s) as the Town may from time to time employ, including Animal Control Officers from neighboring Towns, **the Select Board may enter into an intermunicipal agreement to conduct such duties of Animal Control Officer (s).**

Chapter 5 –7 Edit section to read as follows:

The Select Board may select a commercial kennel facility ~~within the Town~~ or use the Animal Control Officer's facility to impound or keep dogs that have been apprehended by the Animal Control Officer as being strays or violators of the law, providing that both of the foregoing are within cost limitations and specifications set by the Select Board.

**Majority Vote Required: DECLARED UNANIMOUS BY THE MODERATOR**

I hereby certify that the above article declared voted by the Moderator at the Fall Annual Town Meeting first convened on October 16, 2023.

A True Copy Attest:

Elizabeth Gaffey  
Town Clerk