



TOWN OF CAMBRIDGE

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Selectboard Resolution Time Period for Completing Meeting Minutes

WHEREAS, the Vermont Open Meeting Law currently requires that meeting minutes be completed (i.e., available for inspection and posted on the town's website) within five calendar days (1 V.S.A. § 312(b)(2)); and

WHEREAS, the Selectboard of the Town of Cambridge currently meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month; and

WHEREAS, the normal work week ends on Friday; and

WHEREAS, five calendar days from Tuesday ends on Sunday, which means that either five days effectively shrinks to three days or someone must work on the weekend; and

WHEREAS, the Selectboard of the Town of Cambridge believes that three days is too short a time for local governments to be expected to complete minutes and that minute-takers should not be expected to work on weekends; and

WHEREAS, the Selectboard of the Town of Cambridge believes that current law actively discourages people, whether paid or volunteer, from writing good minutes and thus contributes to poor government; and

WHEREAS, Representatives Briglin and Masland of Thetford introduced H.700 in the current Legislative session which would have changed the requirement for completing minutes from five calendar days to five business days; and

WHEREAS, the House Government Operations Committee gutted H.700, leaving the five calendar day requirement in place; and

WHEREAS, the Selectboard of the Town of Cambridge believes that H.700 as originally drafted by Representatives Briglin and Masland is entirely reasonable and desirable for good government at the local level for all town boards, commissions, and committees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The Selectboard of the Town of Cambridge encourages the Vermont Legislature to adopt H.700 as originally proposed by Representatives Briglin and Masland allowing for five **business** days for making meeting minutes available for inspection and posting meeting minutes on the town's website.

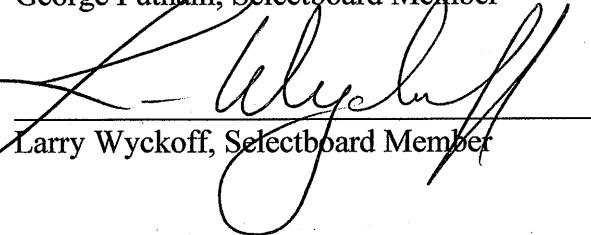
The foregoing resolution is hereby adopted by the Selectboard of the Town of Cambridge, Vermont, this 3rd day of April 2018.



Dana Sweet, Selectboard Chair



George Putnam, Selectboard Member



Larry Wyckoff, Selectboard Member