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## **MEMORANDUM**

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TO:

TOWN COUNCIL

FROM:

KATHLEEN A. DEREE, TOWN CLERK

RE:

POLICE DETAILS AT ELECTIONS

DATE:

AUGUST 1, 2022

On June 22, 2022 the election reform law (the "VOTES act") was signed into law by Governor Baker. The VOTES act makes many of the changes from the pandemic permanent (i.e., Vote by Mail and Early In-Person Voting). In addition, the assignment of police officers at polling places now requires a vote of the Town Council.

I am requesting that "the Town Council delegates the authority given to them in Chapter 92, Section 72 of the act of 2022 to detail a sufficient number of police officers or constables for each building that contains the polling places for one or more precincts at every election therein to preserve order and to protect the election officers and supervisors from interference with their duties and to aid in enforcing the laws relating to elections to the Chief of Police."

Action requested under 2-9(b)

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