

**Electronic Voting Implementation Subcommittee (“ELVIS”)
Minutes of the Meeting of 2022-09-01**

The **bold** items below are meeting agenda items.

Call to order: This meeting was held via Zoom. Chairman Dave Bernstein called the meeting to order at 7:36pm. The ELVIS committee members in attendance, in addition to Chairman Bernstein, were Larry Krakauer, Alan Reiss, and Don Schuler.

Other attendees: Wayland Town Meeting Moderator Dennis Berry, and Selectmen Tom Fay and Dave Watkins (who arrived a bit late). These invited attendees were permitted to participate during the meeting, not just during the public comment portions. Joe Pessimato served as Zoom host.

Appoint secretary pro tem: Larry Krakauer was appointed secretary pro tem.

Invite public comment: None appeared. Zoom host Pessimato reported that other than the invited attendees noted above, no other members of the public had logged in to the meeting.

Approve the minutes of our meeting of May 14, 2022: Moved (Reiss), Seconded (Schuler), passed 4-0: *Approve the minutes of our meeting of May 14, 2022.*

Review, evolve, and approve the FY22 ELVIS Annual Report:

Bernstein: Made some corrections of minor typos.

Schuler: Corrected the total number of attendees to one or both sessions on page 2.

Bernstein: I will arrange to have all the committee members sign the report – we have until the end of September to do this.

Moved (Reiss), Seconded (Schuler), passed 4-0: *Approve the FY22 ELVIS Annual Report.*

Review Progress towards “Remote Participation in Town Meeting”:

Dave Watkins joined the meeting during this discussion.

Bernstein: A Wayland citizen suggested the ability to get a continuous transcription of the meeting would be valuable. Mark Fite of OTI, which supplies our current electronic voting system thinks this is technically possible. I've also had contact with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, <https://www.mapc.org/>. They have written a paper on how to make progress towards virtual town meetings:

<https://www.mapc.org/planning101/moving-our-democracy-forward-virtual-town-meetings/>

House bill No. 4985 has been submitted by Representatives Carmine Gentile and Alice Peisch. The summary at the top of the first page reads, “That the town of Wayland be authorized to allow remote and hybrid participation at town meetings in said town.” It has been reported favorably by the committee on Election Laws, and referred to the committee on House Steering Policy and Scheduling. So it's in progress, but there's no guarantee it will be taken up this session.

Fay: Secretary of State Bill Galvin is a key person here – his support would be important.

Berry: I'm happy to see progress on this. I agree that support from the Secretary of State is critical.

Bernstein: In any meetings with members of the legislature, I will emphasize that we are open to suggestions, and are looking for feedback.

Invite public comment:

Berry: I thank the committee for the work it does.

Dave Watkins: Some offers have been made to fill the office of Town Clerk.

Berry: We would then make the Town Clerk a member of the Elvis committee, as has been done with Town Clerks in the past.

No additional public comment appeared.

Adjourn: Bernstein: Declared the meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.