



Town of Wareham

54 Marion Road
Wareham, MA 02571

SELECT BOARD POLICY STATEMENT ACCESS TO TOWN COUNSEL

Number 2023-02

Requests for opinion and/or use of services of Town counsel by any Town board, committee or commission will first be initiated by a vote of the majority of that body. The Chair of that board, committee or commission will then forward such requests to the Select Board, together with the reason for the request, as well as the minutes of the meeting when the vote occurred.

This policy shall not pertain to the Select Board as it has the right to access counsel either individually or collectively, for Select Board business. This policy does not apply to Town Department Heads.

Private citizens who seek to speak with Town Counsel generally are not granted access. Access may only be granted to private citizens with the express permission of the Chair of the Select Board.

Appointments to meet with Town Counsel will be scheduled through the office of the Select Board.

This policy shall not conflict with town officers entrusted to uphold and enforce the Massachusetts General Laws including, but not limited to the assessors, the health agent, police, animal control officer, planning director, conservation agent, and the building inspector.

This policy shall take effect immediately.

Date adopted: January 3, 2023
Revised January 23, 2024

Select Board


Judith Whiteside, Chair
Jared Chadwick, Clerk

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