

WHEREAS the voters of the town of Cabot at annual meeting held March 1, 2005 adopted a non-binding resolution requesting the Selectboard to appoint a Cabot Democracy Committee to investigate ways to broaden participation in town meeting, and

WHEREAS in recent years a number of Cabot residents have petitioned the town to replace decision making at Town Meeting with Australian Ballot voting, and

WHEREAS it is the consensus of the selectboard that town meeting should be perpetuated, it is hereby

RESOLVED by the Cabot Selectboard that a committee is created with the following goals:

- 1) To determine the various reasons why people do not attend Town Meeting,
- 2) To compare Cabot's Town meeting with those of other similar towns with respect to voter turnout and the quality of the meeting (what routinely occurs at the meeting along with the quality of associated events).
- 3) To develop strategies for increasing participation in the Cabot Town Meeting,
- 4) To present a written report of these findings and strategies to the Selectboard in December, 2006

and it is further

RESOLVED that the following persons will serve on this committee

Willem Van Hees
Bonnie Dannenberg
Roman Kokodyniak
Lee Blackwell
Chris Riddle