



# City of Malden

Malden City Hall  
215 Pleasant Street  
Malden, MA 02148

## Meeting Minutes - Final Rules & Ordinance Committee

*Councillor Crowe, Chair*  
*Councillor Linehan, Vice-Chair*  
*Councillor Sica*  
*Councillor Spadafora*  
*Councillor Winslow*

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Tuesday, March 7, 2023

5:30 PM

215 Pleasant Street Rm. 108  
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### Joint Rules & Ordinance meeting with the Resiliency and Sustainability Committee

#### Roll Call

*Chairs of both committees called the meeting to order at 5:38 PM.*

**Present:** 3 - Councillor Peg Crowe, Jadeane Sica and Stephen Winslow

**Absent:** 2 - Councillor Amanda Linehan and Craig Spadafora

*Resiliency and Sustainability attendance:*

*Present: 4 - Chair Stephen Winslow, Councillor Peg Crowe, Ryan O'Malley, Jadeane Sica*

*Absent: 1 - Councillor Carey McDonald*

*Assistant City Solicitor Zaheer Samee was also in attendance.*

#### Business

The Rules & Ordinance Committee, jointly with the Resiliency and Sustainability Committee, will hold a public hearing for the purpose of establishing a speed limit on the bicycle path.

#### [32-23](#)

Be it hereby ordained by the City Council of the City of Malden as follows that MCC 11.12.010 REGULATION OF BICYCLE TRAILS is hereby amended by striking such section in its entirety and replacing it with the following language:

**Sponsors:** Stephen Winslow and Ryan O'Malley

**Attachments:** [Draft Language Amendment for 11.12.010](#)

[Suggested Signage](#)

[Malden Multi-Use Trail Ord Revision 2023 MPD Comments Added.v3](#)

*Councillor Winslow explained that when Malden first developed the bike path, motorized vehicles were not allowed on them at all but now the state law has changed with last year's Transportation Bill, causing our bike path ordinance to be out of date. The purpose of this paper is to make our ordinance consistent with state law.*

*There is no state norm for what may or may not be allowed, so if we aren't proactive with setting the standard, activity on the path may become too busy. For that reason, we should take this opportunity to define what e-bikes and e-scooters are and set maximum speed. That this ordinance will indeed set a speed limit is the reason for this evening's public hearing.*

*This ordinance would allow for class one or two e-bikes as defined by M.G.L. c. 90 s. 1 on the bike path, which we will now call a multi-use trail. Definitions of e-bikes and e-scooters may be found in subsections 1.2 and 1.3 of the proposed language for this ordinance, which is attached to the history of Paper 32-23.*

*One wheel e-scooters would not be allowed because they are not regulated in any way and can go up to 28 miles per hour. Dirt bikes not allowed. When the trail was built, it was designed to withstand 15 miles per hour, so that is the recommended maximum speed limit on the trail.*

*Bike trails or multi-use trails consist of paths that are at least eight feet wide, so this ordinance does not pertain to sidewalks; motorized vehicles are not allowed on sidewalks.*

*Chair Crowe opened the public hearing portion of the meeting at 6:01 PM, asking for people to speak in favor of this ordinance and speed limit. Hearing none and seeing none she closed that portion of the public hearing, asking for people to speak against this ordinance and speed limit. Hearing none and seeing none the public hearing was closed at 6:08 PM.*

**A motion was made by Councillor Winslow, seconded by Councillor Sica, that the Ordinance be recommended favorably to the City Council. Both committees voting unanimously on this recommendation.**

**Yea:** 3 - Crowe, Councillor Sica and Councillor Winslow

## Tabled Papers

### [254-20](#)

Order: That the City Council adopt the Rules of the Council Rule Book 2021.

**Sponsors:** Jadeane Sica

**Attachments:** [First DRAFT Rule Book Changes](#)  
[Second DRAFT Rule Book Changes](#)

### [283-21](#)

Order: That the City of Malden submit to the Massachusetts Legislature for passage in substantially the following form: (See Attached).

**Sponsors:** Stephen Winslow

**Attachments:** [Traffic Comm. - Charter Update 2021.Paper.283.21 Attachment](#)

### [313-21](#)

Order: Be it hereby ordained that the City of Malden Ordinances section 2.16 "Board, Commissions, and Committees" be amended to require remote participation by members of the public for all public meetings by inserting a new section 2.16.001 "Remote participation required."

**Sponsors:** Ryan O'Malley, Deborah DeMaria and Amanda Linehan

[118-22](#)

The Committee on Technology Policy will meet to discuss adopting policies for public access and remote participation for Councillors and any other business moving forward with the committee.

**Attachments:** [Recommendations from Technology on Paper 118-22](#)

[238-22](#)

Order: That the Malden City Council establish a Food Policy Council

**Sponsors:** Peg Crowe

**Attachments:** [FPC draft ordinance](#)

[382-22](#)

Be it ordained that Section 11.24.010 PLACEMENT OF POLES, WIRES AND TELE-COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT IN, ALONG OR ON PUBLIC WAYS be amended in the following manner (See attachment)

**Sponsors:** Craig Spadafora

**Attachments:** [Double Pole Ordinance](#)

## Adjournment

**A motion was made by Councillor Sica, seconded by Councillor Winslow, that the meetings of both committees be adjourned. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Meeting was adjourned at 6:09.**

**Yea:** 3 - Crowe, Councillor Sica and Councillor Winslow