

APPENDIX D – 2021 Annual Town Meeting
ATM Article #20
TOWN BYLAWS

ARTICLE 20. Proposed amendments to the Town Bylaws, Animal By-Law.

Proposed additions are double underlined.

VI. ANIMAL BY-LAW

DOG BY-LAW [*Adopted at the Annual Town Meeting April 28, 1986, approved by the Attorney General June 12, 1986, and posted according to law June 20, 1986. See also notes on amendments and additions at the end of the Bylaw.*]

Section 7. Disposal of Waste

- 7.1. Duty to dispose. It shall be the duty of each person who owns, possesses or controls a dog to remove and dispose of any feces left by his dog on any sidewalk, street, park, public way, public area or any private property of another. A copy of this section shall be given to every dog owner when licensing his or her dog.
- 7.2. Duty to possess means of removal. No person who owns, possesses or controls a dog shall appear with such dog on any sidewalk, street, park, public area, or private property of another without the means of removing any feces left by such dog.
- 7.3. Method of removal. For the purpose of this section, the means of removal shall be any tool, implement or other device carried for the purpose of picking up and containing such feces which provides protection to the person and/or the public.
- 7.4. Method of disposal. Disposal shall be accomplished by transporting such feces to a suitable place for placement in a designated waste receptacle, or other suitable container which is regularly emptied by a refuse collector.
- 7.5. Exemption. This section shall not apply to service dogs accompanying any person physically incapable of collecting said waste.
- 7.6. Enforcement and fines. Violations of this section will result in a fine of \$50.00 for the first offense, and \$50.00 for the second and subsequent offenses within twelve months of a previous offense. This section may be enforced pursuant to the noncriminal disposition procedure of MGL Chapter 40, § 21 D and the Town Bylaws Section XXVIII, Enforcement of Town Bylaws. In addition to police officers, the Animal Control Officer shall also be an enforcing person for this section.

And to add a corresponding section to Section XXVIII of the Town Bylaws, Enforcement of Town By-Laws, with proposed additions shown in double underline,

VI.	Animal By-Law	(Animal Control Officer, Police Officers)	
	<u>Section 7.6</u>	<u>Disposal of Waste</u>	
		<u>First Offense</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>
		<u>Second Offense, and any subsequent within twelve months of a previous offense</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>