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Town Governance Study Committee
c/o Town Clerk Austin Simko
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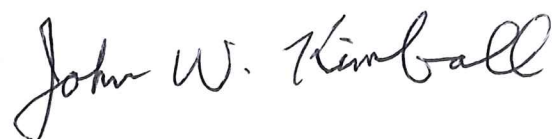
As you continue your deliberations, I want to add my voice to those who strongly feel that it is time to replace the Open Town Meeting with something else.

Personally, I would favor moving to representative town meeting. It seems to me to be a logical step from the pure democracy of Open Town Meeting to a republican form of government like those at the federal and state levels.

(My grandfather, Charles Ward, for whom our Ward Reservation is named, served as a town meeting representative in Brookline some century ago.)

But with representative town meeting off the table, I now endorse moving Andover to a Council-Manager form of government.

Sincerely,



28 January 2021