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If a two thirds, four fifths or nine tenths vote of a town meeting is required by statute, a standing vote shall be taken, and the vote shall be recorded in the records by the town clerk; provided, however, if a two-thirds vote of a town meeting is required by statute, a declaration by the town moderator that the vote constitutes that number shall be sufficient, unless said declaration shall immediately be doubted by seven or more voters as aforesaid. If a four fifths or nine tenths vote of a town meeting is required, the Moderator may choose to see by voice vote whether the vote is unanimous, in which case no standing vote shall be necessary.

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