

**WARRANT
SPRING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 13, 2021**

THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss

To Any Constable of the Town of Natick in said County:
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify the qualified Town Meeting Members of the said Town of Natick to meet via remote participation on **Tuesday Evening April 13, 2020 at 7:30 PM**, then and there to act on the following Articles:

- Article 1 Authorize Select Board to Acquire, Obtain, Abandon or Relocate Easements
- Article 2 Committee Article
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Article 1
Authorize Select Board to Acquire, Obtain, Abandon or Relocate Easements
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, during Fiscal Year 2022, to acquire on behalf of the Town any and all easements for any of the following purposes: roads, sidewalks, vehicular and/or pedestrian access or passage, drainage and utilities, provided however that such authorization pertains only to easements acquired at no cost to the Town; and, further, to authorize the Select Board, subsequent to a public hearing, during Fiscal Year 2022 to abandon or relocate easements acquired for any of the foregoing purposes; or otherwise act thereon.

Article 2
Committee Article
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to hear and discuss the reports of town officers, boards, and committees; or otherwise act thereon.

Article 3
Elected Officials Salary
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the Town of Natick for Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022) as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended; or otherwise act thereon.

Article 4
Personnel Board Classification and Pay Plan
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town, pursuant to the authority contained in Section 108A of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, will vote to amend the by-laws by adding to Article 24, Section 3, a new paragraph deleting certain position titles, adding new position titles and effecting changes in the salary ranges as presently established; or otherwise act thereon.

Article 5
Collective Bargaining
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, the funds necessary to implement the Terms of Agreements reached between the Town and the following collective bargaining units:

- a) Deputy Fire Chiefs' Association, Local 1707 – Deputy Fire Chiefs
- b) International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO, Local 1707 - Firefighters
- c) New England Benevolent Association, AFL-CIO, Local 82 – Superior Officers
- d) New England Police Benevolent Association, Inc. Local 182 - Dispatchers
- e) Massachusetts Laborer's Council Local 1116 Supervisors' & Administrators' Association - DPW Sup. & Admin.
- f) Massachusetts Laborer's Council Local 1116 - DPW Laborers
- g) Maintenance and Custodians Local 1116 of the Laborers International Union, AFL-CIO – Facilities Maintenance
- h) Public Employees Local Union 1116 of the Laborers' International Union of North America -Clerical

Or otherwise act thereon.

Article 6
Fiscal 2021 Omnibus Budget
(Town Administrator)

To determine what sum or sums of money the Town will appropriate and raise, or transfer from available funds, for the operation of the government of the Town of Natick, including debt and interest, during Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021) and to provide for a reserve fund for Fiscal Year 2021, and to see what budgets for Fiscal 2021 will be reduced to offset said additional appropriations; or otherwise act thereon.

Article 7
Fiscal 2022 Omnibus Budget
(Town Administrator)

To determine what sum of money the Town will appropriate and raise, or transfer from available funds, for the operation of the government of the Town of Natick, including debt and interest during Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022), and to provide for a reserve fund for Fiscal Year 2022; or otherwise act thereon.

Article 8
Fiscal 2021 Morse Institute Library Budget
(Town Administrator)

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, for the maintenance and operation of the Morse Institute Library, for Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021); or otherwise act thereon.

Article 9
Fiscal 2022 Morse Institute Library Budget
(Town Administrator)

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, for the maintenance and operation of the Morse Institute Library, for Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022); or otherwise act thereon.

Article 10
Fiscal 2021 Bacon Free Library Budget
(Town Administrator)

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, for the maintenance and operation of the Bacon Free Library, for Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021); or otherwise act thereon.

Article 11
Fiscal 2022 Bacon Free Library Budget
(Town Administrator)

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, for the maintenance and operation of the Bacon Free Library, for Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022); or otherwise act thereon.

Article 12
School Bus Transportation Subsidy
(Superintendent of Schools)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of operation and administration of the school bus transportation system, and to reduce or offset fees charged for students who elect to use the school bus transportation system for transportation to and from school, for Fiscal Year 2022 (July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022); or otherwise act thereon.

Article 13
Revolving Funds
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote on the limit on the total amount that may be expended from each revolving fund established pursuant to Chapter 44 section 53E ½ of the General Laws and Town by-law; or otherwise act thereon.

Article 14
Establish and Authorize Revolving Fund for Cochituate Rail Trail Maintenance and Enhancements
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws of the Town by adding a new section to establish and authorize a revolving fund for maintenance and enhancement of the Cochituate Rail Trail, as provided for under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, section 53E1/2, or otherwise act thereon.

Article 15
Rescind Authorized, Unissued Debt
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the authorization for unissued debt that has been determined is no longer needed for the completion of various projects; or otherwise act thereon.

Article 16
Capital Equipment
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise, borrow or otherwise provide, a sum of money to implement a Capital Improvement Program for capital equipment for the various departments of the Town of Natick; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or otherwise act thereon.

Article 17
Capital Improvement
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise, borrow or otherwise provide, a sum of money to implement a Capital Improvement Program, to protect the physical infrastructure of the Town of Natick, to add new physical infrastructure, or to improve community assets; and, further, to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or to otherwise act thereon.

Article 18
Appropriate Contingency Funds for Phase 2 of the West Natick Fire Station Building Project
(Select Board)

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds or otherwise provide to be expended under the direction of the Select Board for the purpose of supplementing contingency funding of the Phase 2 associated work for construction of the new Fire Station located at 268 Speen Street, Natick, Massachusetts, 01760, including all related facilities, buildings, appurtenant structures, site improvements, and grounds; said appropriation being in addition to funds appropriated under Article 33 of the 2016 Spring Annual Town Meeting, Article 22 of the 2017 Spring Annual Town Meeting and Article 15 of the 2018 Fall Annual Town Meeting, or otherwise act thereon.

Article 19
Increase Personal Exemption Amounts
(Board of Assessors)

To see if the Town will vote to increase the Personal Exemption Amounts by 62.5% under the provisions of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986 as amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988 which provides for “Optional Additional Property Tax Exemptions” allowing an annually determined, uniform increase in the amount of exemption in General Laws, Chapter 59 Section 5 Clauses 17D, 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22E, 37A, and 41C (elderly person, disabled veteran, or blind person).

Article 20
PEG Access and Cable Related Fund Appropriation or Transfer of Funds
(Town Administrator)

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide for, the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund established pursuant to the provisions of General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F¾; or otherwise act thereon.

Article 21
West Natick MBTA Solar Project – Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 59, Section 38H of the Massachusetts General Laws, or other applicable law, will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into an agreement with West Natick (Fund III) Operating, LLC or its affiliate or assignee for payment in lieu of real and personal property taxes with respect to solar canopy photovoltaic electric generating facilities on land owned by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority located at the West Natick MBTA Station, 249 W Central St, Natick MA, 01760 for such term and subject to such conditions as Town Meeting may deem appropriate, and, further, to authorize the Select Board, the Town Administrator, and the Select Board’s designee(s) to take any action necessary to accomplish the purposes of this article; or otherwise act thereon.

Article 22
Home Rule Petition: Authorization to Issue 3 Wine and Malt Beverages License Not to Be Drunk on the Premises for Downtown Mixed Use District, Natick, Massachusetts
(Select Board)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth to enact special legislation, notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 12 and 17 of Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or any other general or special law to the contrary, authorizing the Town to issue (3) licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises, pursuant to Section 15 of Chapter 138, said licenses to be restricted to issuance only to establishments within the zoning district known as the Downtown Mixed Use District, Natick, Massachusetts, provided that the General Court may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition; or to otherwise act thereon.

Article 23
Accept State Legislation Allowing Lower Speed Limits
(Select Board & Transportation Advisory Committee)

To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 17C of Chapter 90 of the General Laws to allow the Select Board to establish lower speed limits of 25 miles per hour on town-owned roadways within a thickly settled or business district, and/or to accept Section 18B of Chapter 90 of the General Laws to allow the Select Board to establish safety zones with speed limits of 20 miles per hour, or otherwise act thereon.

Article 24
Amend Zoning By-Laws: Signage
(Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Natick Zoning Bylaws by modifying Section V-H (Signs and Advertising Devices) and the dimensional requirements therein. Or otherwise act thereon.

Article 25
Amend Zoning By-Laws: Corner Lots
(Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Natick Zoning Bylaws by modifying Section 200 (Definitions), Section IV (Intensity Regulations), and any other sections relevant to the regulation of Corner Lots and setbacks; or otherwise act thereon.

Article 26
Amend Zoning By-Laws: Adult-Use Marijuana Establishment Uses
(Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Natick Zoning Bylaws to add new Adult-Use Marijuana Establishment uses in Section III-K.2: Adult Use Marijuana Establishments and remove the expired moratorium sections from Section III-K: Marijuana Establishments, sections A through E; or otherwise act thereon.

Article 27
Re-Zoning of 26-28 Eliot Street
(George L. Richards, et al.)

“To see what action(s) the town will take to re-zone the property located at 26-28 Eliot Street (being two (2) parcels located and shown on the Town of Natick Assessor’s Map 55, Lots 34A and 34B) from Residential Single Family A (RSA) to Commercial II (CII), or otherwise act thereon.”

Article 28
Amend Historic Preservation Zoning By-Law
(George Richards, et al)

“To see what action(s) the town will take to amend the Historic Preservation By Law section of the existing Zoning Bylaws (Section III-J) in order to allow certain additional uses by special permit in former houses of worship that qualify under the Bylaw, such as indoor amusement and recreation uses, performing arts training, education and live performances and/or to amend the Definitions section of the Zoning Bylaw (Section 200) so as add a definition for “Houses of Worship” and/or related definitions and/or otherwise act thereon.”

Article 29
Amend Zoning By-Laws to Create Residential Buffer Zones Regarding Licensed
Marijuana Retailer Establishments under Section III-K.2: Adult Use Marijuana
Establishments
(Martha Paynter, et al.)

To see if the Town will vote to create a residential buffer zone to provide for the placement of Licensed Marijuana Retailer Establishments in suitable locations, to minimize adverse impacts of said Establishments on residential neighborhoods and streets, where children congregate, live and play; *by* regulating the siting, design, placement, and security of Licensed Marijuana Retailer Establishments; *by* amending Zoning Bylaws Section III-K.2: Adult Use Marijuana Establishments under Section 5. Place. to add: *"No Licensed Marijuana Retailer Establishment shall be located within three hundred (300) feet of a Town of Natick boundary line, or residential zoned property. The distance shall be measured in a straight line from nearest exterior wall of the Licensed Marijuana Retailer Establishment facility, or accessory structure associated with said use, to the nearest property boundary line of residential zoned property."* or otherwise act thereon.

Article 30
Extend Term of the Land Area & Makeup Study Committee
(Land Area & Makeup Study Committee)

To see whether the Town will vote to extend the term of the Land Area & Makeup Study Committee established per Article 28 of 2019 Fall Annual Meeting and appointed by the Moderator.

Article 31
Town Meeting Practices and Rules Committee Report and Extension
(Town Meeting Practices and Rules Committee)

To see what action(s) the Town will take to:

- 1) Hear and discuss a report from the Town Meeting Practices and Rules Committee;
 - 2) Approve, accept and or adopt a revised Town Meeting Member Handbook;
 - 3) Extend the term of the Town Meeting Practices and Rules Committee;
 - 4) Appropriate monies or transfer from available funds for the work of the Town Meeting Practices and Rules Committee;
- or otherwise act thereon.

Article 32
Fiscal Information
(Town Meeting Practices and Rules Committee)

To see what action the Town will take to amend the Town of Natick ByLaws (ByLaws) to

- 1) specify or require certain information on assets and liabilities of the Town to be included in the Town Administrator's Budget Message in Article 5 Fiscal Procedures of the Charter;
- 2) specify the types or names of such information on assets and liabilities to be so provided pursuant to 1) above;
- 3) require an updated budget message and certain information to be provided in connection with annual operating and/or capital expenditures budgets for a current fiscal year at any Spring Annual Town Meeting, any Fall Annual Town Meeting and for any special town meeting which deals with fiscal or budgetary matters;
- 4) specify the types or names of such information to be so provided pursuant to 3) above;
- 5) determine what new or amended sections of the ByLaws should contain the provisions contemplated above;
- 6) create new articles and or sections or amend existing sections of the ByLaws, including without limitation Article 20 Town Administrator, to specify the town agencies and their responsibilities to provide the matters contemplated above and /or
- 7) amend and/or renumber existing sections within any of the articles of Bylaws in order to accomplish the foregoing as editorial matter

or otherwise act thereon.

Article 33
Town Meeting Member Removal/Recall Study Committee
(Kathryn M. Coughlin, et. al.)

To see if the Town will establish a committee to examine the grounds for, procedure, and/or process to remove or recall a Town Meeting member, including the preparation of a report and recommendation for a future Town Meeting, or otherwise act thereon.

You are directed to serve this Warrant by causing an attested copy of said Warrant to be posted in the Post Office in said Natick, and at the following public places in said Natick, to wit: Precinct 1, Reliable Cleaners, 214 West Central Street; Precinct 2, Cole Recreation Center, 179 Boden Lane; Precinct 3, Kennedy Middle School, 165 Mill St.; Precinct 4, 2 Summer Street; Precinct 5, Wilson Middle School, 22 Rutledge Road; Precinct 6, East Natick Fire Station, 2 Rhode Island Avenue; Precinct 7, Lilja Elementary School, 41 Bacon Street; Precinct 8, Natick High School, 15 West Street; Precinct 9: Community-Senior Center, 117 East Central Street and Precinct 10, Memorial Elementary School, 107 Eliot Street.

Above locations being at least one public place in each Precinct, in the Town of Natick, and also posted in the Natick U.S. Post Office, Town Hall, Bacon Free Library and Morse Institute Library seven days at least before April 13, 2021; also by causing the titles of the articles on the Warrant for the 2021 Spring Annual Town Meeting to be published once in "*The Metrowest Daily News*" with notice of availability of an attested copy of said Warrant, said Newspaper published in the Town of Natick and said publication to be February 19, 2021.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 16th day of February, 2021.

Select Board for the Town of Natick

Jonathan Freedman
Chair

Karen Adelman-Foster
Vice Chair

Richard P. Jennett, Jr.
Clerk

Susan G. Salamoff
Member

Michael J. Hickey, Jr.
Member

Certified copies of the Warrant are available at the Office of the Town Clerk, Natick Town Hall, 13 East Central St., Natick, MA between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Monday through Wednesday; 8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. on Thursday; and 8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Friday. The Warrant may also be accessed from the Town web site www.natickma.gov.