

Warrant Article Questionnaire Non Standard Town Agency Articles

Section III – Questions with Response Boxes – To Be Completed By Petition Sponsor

Article #32	Date Form Completed: 02 11 2018
Article Title: Amend Zoning By-Laws: Signage (Street Addresses)	
Sponsor Name: Planning Board (Terri Evans)	Email: tevens.pb@natickma.org

Question	Question
1	Provide the article motion exactly as it will appear in the Finance Committee Recommendation Book and presented to Town Meeting for action.
Response	<p>To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Natick Zoning By-laws by modifying Section V-H (Signs and Advertising Devices) as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">In Section V-H, Section C (Regulations Applicable to All Areas)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Add a new subsection 7, to read</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>“7. <u>Street Address</u> Unless specifically waived by the SPGA, any standing sign shall include at the top of the sign the street number or street address in letters not less than six (6) inches high. Such area shall not count against the maximum sign size as defined elsewhere in this Bylaw.”</i></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Renumber the current subsection 7 as subsection 8, to read</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>“8. <u>Term</u> Special permits issued under Section V-H shall have a term of not more than seven years.”</i></p> <p>or otherwise act thereon.</p>
2	At a summary level and very clearly, what is the proposed purpose and objective of this Warrant Article and the accompanying Motion?
Response	Incorporate into the Zoning By-Law a long-standing practice of the Planning Board that requires monument signs to display street number or street address, for safety reasons and to assist the public in navigation.

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3	Has this article or one of a very similar scope and substance been on a previous Warrant Article and what has been the actions taken by Finance Committee, other Boards or Committees and Town Meeting?																											
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4	Why is it required for the Town of Natick and for the Town Agency sponsor(s)?																											
Response	This incorporates existing best practice into the Zoning By-laws. By doing so, it would help streamline the signage permitting process.																											
5	Does this article require funding, how much, from what source of funds and under whose authority will the appropriation be managed and spent?																											
Response	No funding required																											
6	Does this article act in any way in concert with, in support of, or to extend any prior action of Natick Town Meeting, Massachusetts General Laws or CMR's or other such legislation or actions? Does this article seek to amend, rescind or otherwise change any prior action of Natick Town Meeting?																											
Response	This does not substantively alter any Town Meeting vote on this section of the Zoning By-laws in the past 10 years. (In 2007, the "Term" section renumbered here was added by vote of Town Meeting.)																											
7	How does the proposed motion (and implementation) fit with the relevant Town Bylaws, financial and capital plan, comprehensive Master Plan, and community values as well as relevant state laws and regulations?																											
Response	Supports consistent best practice – that the public and public safety personnel are best served by the inclusion of street numbers or street addresses on standing signs.																											

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8	Who are the critical participants in executing the effort envisioned by the article motion?
Response	Planning Board and Community & Economic Development Office / Building Department staff
9	<p>What steps and communication has the sponsor attempted to assure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interested parties were notified in a timely way and had a chance to participate in the process • Appropriate Town Boards & Committees were consulted • Required public hearings were held
Response	<p>Proposed language does not reflect any substantial change from past practice.</p> <p>I consulted with the Building Commissioner, who was positive about the proposed article and advised me of Police/Fire strong preference that street numbers or addresses be located on the TOP (rather than the bottom) of a standing sign.</p> <p>Planning Board public hearing is scheduled for February 28.</p>
10	Since submitting the article have you identified issues that weren't initially considered in the development of the proposal?
Response	No
11	If this Warrant Article is not approved by Town Meeting what are the consequences to the Town and to the sponsor(s)? Please be specific on both financial and other consequences?
Response	Failure to pass this article would leave the requirement to include street numbers or street addresses on standing signs as a case-by-case Planning Board process.

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Section V-H (Signs and Advertising Devices), Section C (Regulations Applicable to All Areas)

Current language (section headers only)

1. Illumination
2. Construction and maintenance
3. Removal
4. Temporary signs
5. Historic signs and markets
6. Other signs
7. Terms

Proposed language in final form (section headers only except for new section 7):

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Redlined version:

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