

Warrant Article Questionnaire Non Standard Town Agency Articles

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

Article #33	Date Form Completed: 02 11 2018
Article Title: Amend Zoning By-Laws: Clarify Site Plan Review Process	
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 Bylaws Site Plan Review provisions for parks, trails, roads, driveways, and parking areas, by modifying Section VI-DD Section 2.B (Site Plan Review Applicability and SPGA Designation) subsection (e) as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Delete the phrase “referred to in this Section VI-DD – 2” and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Update the citation of relevant sections so that Section 2.B (e) reads</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>“e) Where Site Plan Review is not otherwise required by the provisions of Section VI DD, in all zoning districts the construction of parks, trails, roads, driveways and parking areas shall be subject to the Site Plan Review procedure described herein to be administered by the Planning Board as the SPGA. This section VI-DD-2.B(e) shall not remove the exclusions created by Section VI-DD 2.B(c).”</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	Affirms the responsibility of the Planning Board to conduct Site Plan Review for park- and trail-related projects in all zoning districts.

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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?			
Response	Yes			
	Warrant Period	Other Committees	FinCom Action	Town Meeting
	FTM 2016			
	SATM 2016			
	FTM 2015			
	SATM 2015			Article 29 (passed)
	Prior			
	Comments: This amends the article voted by 2015 SATM by deleting a clause that was inadvertently left in place in the 2015 motion.			
4	Why is it required for the Town of Natick and for the Town Agency sponsor(s)?			
Response	This affirms the intent of the sponsor in SATM 2015 Article 29			
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	Yes (see response to Question 3)			
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	This motion ensures consistent Site Plan Review for <u>all</u> Natick parks and trails.			

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8	Who are the critical participants in executing the effort envisioned by the article motion?
Response	Planning Board and Town entities responsible for management of Natick parks and trails, including Recreation & Parks and Cochituate Rail Trail Committee.
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>I reviewed the proposed language with the Planning Board colleague responsible for the development of the 2015 article language to confirm original intent; discussed by Planning Board when voting to sponsor this article.</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	If this article is not passed, park and trail projects in Residential zoning districts (which are not listed in Section VI DD-2) may not undergo any planning review and, with it, assurance that such projects meet the site plan review criteria set forth in the Zoning By-laws.

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Section VI-DD Section 2.B (Site Plan Review Applicability and SPGA Designation) subsection (e):

Current language:

e) Where Site Plan Review is not otherwise required by the provisions of Section VI DD, in all zoning districts referred to in this Section VI-DD —2 the construction of parks, trails, roads, driveways and parking areas shall be subject to the Site Plan Review procedure described herein to be administered by the Planning Board as the SPGA. This section VI-DD-2(e) shall not remove the exclusions created by Section VI-DD 2(c).

Proposed final language in finished form:

e) Where Site Plan Review is not otherwise required by the provisions of Section VI DD, in all zoning districts the construction of parks, trails, roads, driveways and parking areas shall be subject to the Site Plan Review procedure described herein to be administered by the Planning Board as the SPGA. This section VI-DD-2.B(e) shall not remove the exclusions created by Section VI-DD 2.B(c).

Redlined version:

e) Where Site Plan Review is not otherwise required by the provisions of Section VI DD, in all zoning districts ~~referred to in this Section VI-DD —2~~ the construction of parks, trails, roads, driveways and parking areas shall be subject to the Site Plan Review procedure described herein to be administered by the Planning Board as the SPGA. This section VI-DD-2.**B**(e) shall not remove the exclusions created by Section VI-DD 2.**B**(c).