

ARTICLE 17
Change Authority for Acquisition of 22 Pleasant Street Among Other Items
(Robert Awkward et al)

To see what action(s) the Town will take, under MGL Chapter 45 Section 14, or any other authority, either a) to create a committee appointed by the Moderator or b) to use one of the methods specified in MGL Chapter 45, including, without limitation, section 14 of MGL Chapter 45, and/or c) to authorize the Conservation Commission under MGL Chapter 40 including, without limitation, section 8 – c to negotiate for and to acquire the property known as 22 Pleasant Street, alternatively known as Map 64 Parcel 44, in Natick for park and playground purposes and/or conservation and/or passive recreation purposes as the case may be including without limitation:

- 1) a) to create such committee appointed by the Moderator as an action of Town Meeting and/or to amend the Town ByLaws to create and to empower such committee or commission and specify their powers and duties and or b) to create within the scope of MGL Ch 45 including, without limitation, section 14 a committee or commission and to provide for their appointment by elected officers or elected multiple member bodies, and c) to allow any committee or commission access to the services of Town counsel and town staff; and/or
- 2) to set the number, qualifications and terms of members of such committee or commission; and/or
- 3) to change the previous votes of town Meeting under Article 35 of Spring 2015 Annual Town Meeting, Article 29 of Spring 2016 Town Meeting, or any other previous warrant article and vote of Town Meeting in order, without limitation, to change the authority to negotiate from the Board of Selectmen to such new committee or commission or to elected parks commissioners or the Conservation Commission, to transfer the control over and the authority to expend funds under any and all existing appropriation authority from the Board of Selectmen to such committee of commission or the Conservation Commission, provided, however, that neither any existing appropriation nor any existing borrowing authorization nor the eminent domain authorization nor grant application nor grant application authorizations may be rescinded or reduced in any way under this warrant article; and/or
- 4) to see what additional sums of money the town may raise, transfer from available funds, appropriate and or authorize or raise from borrowing to accomplish the purposes of the acquisition of 22 Pleasant St. and /or to authorize acquisition of the fee interest in the property, a long term renewable ground lease whether rent paid over time of all up front in lump sum or an exclusive perpetual easement for the use of 22 Pleasant St. ; and/or
- 5) to change the condition or conditions of any of the previous votes of Town Meeting referenced in 3) above in order to change the purpose of those previous appropriations and votes to be consistent with this article, to remove the conditions in any of those previous votes concerning letters of intent or any other matters, and/or to modify such conditions consistent with accomplishing the purposes of this article; and/or
- 6) to provide that whatever new committee of commission or the Conservation Commission is authorized under this article will also have access to Town Counsel and Town staff for the purposes of negotiating for and acquiring 22 Pleasant St.; and/or

or otherwise act thereon.