

**WARRANT
SPRING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 14, 2020**

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 in the Wilson Middle School, Natick on **Tuesday Evening April 14, 2020 at 7:30 PM**, then and there to act on the following Articles:

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Article 38	Amend Home Occupation Dog Kennel Zoning
Article 39	Repeal Historical Preservation Smaller Estates Amendment
Article 40	Modify Historical Preservation Bylaw Amendment
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Article 43	Local Option Exemption to Appoint a Police Officer

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ARTICLE 1
Authorize Board of Selectmen to Acquire, Obtain, Abandon or Relocate Easements
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, during Fiscal Year 2021, 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 Board of Selectmen, subsequent to a public hearing, during Fiscal Year 2021 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 2021 (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021) 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
Amend Town By-Law, Town Employees and Personnel Board
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 24 of the Town By-Laws, Town Employees and Personnel Board Section 5.4, or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 6
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 7
Fiscal 2020 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 2020 (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020) and to provide for a reserve fund for Fiscal Year 2020, and to see what budgets for Fiscal 2020 will be reduced to offset said additional appropriations; or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 8
Fiscal 2021 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 2021 (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021), and to provide for a reserve fund for Fiscal Year 2021; or to otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 9
Fiscal 2020 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 2020 (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020); or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 10
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 11
Fiscal 2020 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 2020 (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020); or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 12
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 13
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 2021 (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021); or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 14
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 15
Capital Equipment
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise, borrow or otherwise provide, a sum of money as may be required 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 16
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 17
Increase Personal Exemption Amounts
(Board of Assessors)

To see if the Town will vote to increase the Personal Exemption Amounts by 60% 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 18
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 19

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 (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen 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 20

Home Rule Petition: Authorization to Issue (1) On Premises Alcoholic Beverages License for 45 East Central Street, Natick, Massachusetts (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth to enact special legislation, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 17 of Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or any other general or special law to the contrary, authorizing the Town to issue (1) license for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises, for the property located at 45 East Central Street, 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 otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 21

Home Rule Petition: Amendment of Special Legislation Authorizing the Appointment of Special Police Officers to Increase the Maximum Age to 70 (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth to amend Chapter 93 of the Acts of 2008, which authorizes the appointment of special police officers in the Town of Natick, such amendment to allow the maximum age of such special police officers to increase from 65 to 70, 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 otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 22

Amend Article 10 of the Natick Town Bylaws (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the chart entitled "APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN" set forth in Article 10, section 2, of the Natick Town Bylaws, by inserting the phrase "Commission on Disability" under the header "Town Officials/Committees" and between the entries for Cochituate Rail Trail Advisory Committee and Community Development Advisory Committee, or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 23
South Main Street Right of Way Acquisitions
(Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, taking by eminent domain, or otherwise, to accept a deed or deeds to the Town of fee simple, easements, or other interests in any land, and to so dedicate all or portions of Town owned parcels of land, necessary for the construction of the South Main Street roadway improvements project located on South Main Street (Route 27) from the Sherborn town line to the Natick town center, as shown and identified on a set of plans entitled "Improvements to South Main Street, Easement/ROW Plans" dated January 29, 2020, prepared by Green International Affiliates, Inc., as may be revised and/or amended, on file in the Board of Selectmen's office. Further to see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, to fund said purchase or takings along with all legal, appraisal, and related costs associated with obtaining any interests in land necessary for the construction of the South Main Street roadway improvements project; or to otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 24
Street Acceptance – Michael Terrace
(Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to accept Michael Terrace as a public way, and any appurtenant easements thereto, as laid out as shown a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Natick Mass. " dated January 26, 1976, Prepared by William F. Drake and Associates, recorded at the Middlesex (South) Registry of Deeds as plan Number 364 of 1976, book 12965, Page End; to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, easements in any land necessary for laying out and acceptance of Michael Terrace, and any appurtenant drainage, utility or other easements related to said Michael Terrace and/or to accept grants thereof; to see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide for the purposes of this article; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen and other Applicable Town of Natick Boards and personnel to take all related actions necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes of this article; Meaning and intending to accept the remainder of Michael Terrace, such that the entirety of this named road is accepted by the Town as a public way, or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 25
Amendment to Zoning Map - Downtown Mixed Use (DM) District
(Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to change the following parcel from the Residential General (RG) Zoning District to the Downtown Mixed Use (DM) Zoning District:

Assessors Map 44 Lot 180, known as 45 East Central Street, as shown on the plan on file with the Community Development Office and the Town Clerk's Office;

or to act otherwise thereon.

ARTICLE 26
Amend Zoning By-laws: Downtown Mixed Use Parking Zoning Amendment
(Board of Selectmen and Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to amend Natick Zoning By-Laws with regard to off-street parking requirements in Natick Center by:

- A. Replace, eliminate or modify the following sections (including, without limitations, subsections and/or footnotes) that relate to off-street parking standards for DM districts:
- ‡ Section V-D.3 - Parking Facilities Required by Parking Demand
 - ‡ Section V-D.5 – Exceptions in Downtown Mixed Use District
 - ‡ Sections V-D.6 - Location of Required Parking Spaces to V-D.19 - Administration & Parking

or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 27
Amend Zoning By-Laws: Downtown Mixed Use (DM) District Zoning Amendment
(Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Natick Zoning By-Laws by:

- A. Amending Section III-E Downtown Mixed Use District (DM), including but not limited to:

2. Use Regulations for DM Districts;

or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 28
Amend Zoning By-Law to Create East Central Street Overlay District
(Julian Munnich et al)

“To see what action(s) the town will take to amend the Zoning By Law to create an East Central Street Overlay District (ECSOD) and to designate all, some or portions of 45 East Central Street (also identified as real estate tax parcel Lot 180 on Map 44 of the Town Assessor), 4 and/or 6 Lincoln Street (also identified as real estate tax parcels or Lots 181 and 182 on Map 44 of the Town Assessor) and/or 5 Wilson Street (also identified as real estate tax parcel or Lot 195 on Map 44 of the Town Assessor) as an ECSOD District including but not limited to:

- 1) Specifying the purpose and objective of such ECSOD
- 2) Creating new or modifying existing definitions for this purpose whether within an ECSOD section of or elsewhere in the zoning bylaw;
- 3) Specifying allowed uses in such ECSOD and the extent of such uses;
- 4) Setting any and all dimensional and intensity regulations for this ECSOD including without limitation:
 - a) building height including "sky plane" or stepped back height restrictions, b) any and all setbacks, c) lot frontage, d) lot depth, e) number of residential units, f) type and size of units, g) affordability requirements, h) minimum or maximum or other parking requirements, i) open space, j) lot coverage, k) building coverage(s), l) Floor Area Ratio (FAR), m) Landscape Surface Ratio (LSR), n) lot area, o) amount of commercial use(s), etc. ;

5) Specifying whether such ECSOD or any or all uses within such ECSOD requires a Special Permit, what the Special Permit and/or Site Plan Review process might consist of or require, and who the Special Permit Granting Authority would be;

6) Specifying whether or not and to what extent and on which dimensional or intensity or regulations and under what conditions the Special Permit Granting Authority might waive or modify such regulations;

7) Establishing requirements for:

a) screening and/or buffering of structures, site improvements, parking and or the site from adjacent and surrounding residences and land uses, b) orientation, location and/or screening of loading docks, dumpsters, service and main entrances, d) which underlying zones may be used in the ECSOD including extent to which requirements of underlying zones will apply unless specifically modified in the ECSOD, e) design and/or design review standards, f) ability or prohibition to place mechanical, ventilation, or other structures on rooftops, g) any or all activities to be conducted in such a manner that noise, smoke, dust, odor, vibration, waste disposal or other objectionable features are confined to the premises, buildings or structures, h) any and all matters currently included and/or addressed in "Section V - Special Requirements" section of the existing Town of Natick Zoning By Law (whether such matters are i) specifically and/or differently addressed in the ECSOD, ii) modified for the ECSOD within said Section V, or iii) applied to the ECSOD as set forth in said Section V), i) height, elevation and/or orientation of windows and other building features in relation to neighboring properties and/or j) other matters including neighborhood and abutter protections;

8) Specifying requirements for the applicability of the Aquifer Protection District to the ECSOD; and/or

9) Taking any other action to amend the zoning bylaw consistent with the creation of this ECSOD;

or otherwise act thereon.”

ARTICLE 29

Amend Zoning By-Laws: Downtown Mixed Use Zoning Amendment (Julian Munnich et al)

“To see if the Town will vote to amend Natick Zoning By-Laws with regard to the Downtown Mixed Use zone by:

- A. Replace, eliminate or modify the Downtown Mixed Use (“DMU”) specific language in Section V-D Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements section 3 “Parking Facilities Required by Category of Parking Demand” sub section b “For Multiple Family Dwellings” in order to make the basic parking requirements for Multiple Family Dwellings in DMU in said sub section b to be the same as other districts in the Town;
- B. Modify Section V-D “Off-Street Parking and Loading Requirements” section 5 “Exceptions in the Downtown Mixed Use District” to allow the exception in the first paragraph of said section 5 regarding a 10% reduction to apply to residential uses;
- C. Specify the order of computation for determining required parking spaces when applying the various parking requirements sections pertaining to the DMU and any/all parking exceptions or waivers for the DMU;
- D. Limit the extent of or prohibit the use for multi family dwellings of the parking provision contained the second paragraph of Section V-D 5 “Exceptions in the Downtown Mixed Use District”;
- E. Change the second paragraph of said Section V-D 5 “Exceptions in the Downtown Mixed Use District” to require that any such exception be by Special Permit and/or to change the criteria listed in that second paragraph in order to obtain or grant such exception(s);
- F. Establish minimum parking requirements for multi family uses in the DMU not withstanding any other provision of the Zoning ByLaw;

- G. Provide DMU specific requirements, modifications or exceptions in Sections V-D 15, 16 and 17 and make any such associated requirements, modifications or exceptions subject to the Special Permit approval of the SPGA;
- H. To specify that any mixed use project in the DMU which has a use requiring a special permit shall require a special permit for the entire mixed use project notwithstanding the inclusion in such mixed use project of uses permitted as of right;
- I. To allow restaurants, with or without the service of alcoholic beverages, operating as a business in the DMU, to allow such restaurants to have outside seating and to determine whether any such restaurant uses, including any entertainment, shall be by special permit;
- J. To establish a density or intensity limit(s) for the number of multi-family dwelling units in a project in the DMU;
- K. To change the definition of Dwelling Unit in Section 200 of the Zoning ByLaw i) to be consistent with the International Building Code and/or state building code, ii) to include requirement for sanitation, toileting and/or bathing, and/or iii) to require equipment for cooking and eliminating the reference to other provisions for the same; and/or otherwise act thereon.”

ARTICLE 30
Amend Zoning By-Laws: Single Family Residential Cluster Regulations
(Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-laws to consolidate, modernize and simplify Residential Cluster development provisions by REPLACING in their entirety Sections III-1.F – III-5.F with a new Section III-F.1 that:

- 1. Addresses the following topics:
 - i. Purpose and Intent;
 - ii. Applicability;
 - iii. Permitted and Allowed Uses;
 - iv. Procedures;
 - v. Criteria;
 - vi. Development Area;
 - vii. Number of Dwelling Units;
 - viii. Cottage Dwellings;
 - ix. Intensity Regulations;
 - x. Exceptions to the otherwise applicable intensity regulations;
 - xi. Cottage Development Alteration Restrictions;
 - xii. Age Qualified Housing Units;
 - xiii. Affordability;
 - xiv. Building Design Criteria;
 - xv. Preserved Open Space;
 - xvi. Parking;
- 2. Amends, modifies, or adds to Article I, Section 200 – Definitions, including without limitation defining any aspect of the provision(s) for ‘Cottage Development’, ‘Preserved Open Space’, ‘Development Area’ and ‘Net Usable Land Area’ to the Town of Natick Zoning Bylaw;
- 3. Amends modifies or adds to Article III.A.2 or otherwise act thereon;

ARTICLE 31
Amend Zoning By-Laws: Non-Conforming Uses, Large Residential Additions Zoning
Amendment
(Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-laws to address large additions, including but not limited to Section 200, Definitions, Section V-A, Nonconforming Uses, and Section VI-E, Board of Appeals, or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 32
Town Meeting Practices and Rules Committee: Committee Report
(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 33
Amend Article 5 Fiscal Procedures of the Town of Natick Home Rule Charter
(Town Meeting Practices and Rules Committee)

To see what action(s) the Town will take to Amend Article 5 Fiscal Procedures of the Town of Natick Home Rule Charter to:

- 1) Authorize the representative Town Meeting by ByLaw to require certain information to be included or provided in connection with the budget message and any annual preliminary or submitted operating and/or capital expenditures budget for an ensuing fiscal year; and/or
- 2) Require certain procedures to be followed and information to be provided in connection with an updated budget message and updated annual operating and/or capital expenditures budget for a current fiscal year at Spring or Fall Annual Town Meeting and/or special town meetings and/or
- 3) Authorize the representative Town Meeting by ByLaw to require certain procedures to be followed and information to be provided in connection with an updated budget message and updated annual operating and/or capital expenditures budget for a current fiscal year at Spring or Fall Annual Town Meeting and/or special town meetings; and/or
- 4) Specify additional information to be included in the budget message and any annual preliminary or submitted operating and/or capital expenditures budget for an ensuing fiscal year; and/or

Or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 34
Amend Article 23 of the Town of Natick ByLaws
(Town Meeting Practices and Rules Committee)

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

- 1) Amend Article 23 of the Town of Natick ByLaws to provide that the consideration of matters of business included within the articles of any warrant for a Town Meeting shall be conducted as a public hearing at which residents and taxpayers, as defined in Article 2

section 10 of the Charter, and town employees shall have the right and opportunity to be heard on such matters of business;

- 2) Specify notice or publication requirements for such public hearing whether simply consistent with the open meeting law or otherwise;
- 3) Amend Article 3 of the Town of Natick Bylaws to allow the representative town meeting to waive the requirement for a public hearing on specified or particular matters of business and to set the quantum of vote for such waivers;
- 4) Amend Article 3 of the Town of Natick ByLaws to establish rules for any or all multiple member bodies in their consideration of articles before any Town Meeting and to allow the representative town meeting to waive, in connection with a particular matter of business, any failure to observe such rules and set quantum of vote for such waiver ; and/or

Or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 35

Omnibus Financial Article (Town Meeting Practices and Rules Committee)

Town Agencies, Personnel Pay Plan and Elected Officials:

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 2021 (July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021), and to provide for a reserve fund for Fiscal Year 2021; or to otherwise act thereon.

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.

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 2021 (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021) as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended; or otherwise act thereon.

Libraries:

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.

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.

School Bus Transportation and Revolving Funds

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 2021 (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021); or otherwise act thereon.

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.

Capital

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise, borrow or otherwise provide, a sum of money as may be required for capital equipment for the various departments of the Town of Natick; to determine To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide for the purpose of supplementing the

Stabilization Fund established under Article 22 of the warrant for Annual Town Meeting of 1961, as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5B of the General Laws, as amended; or otherwise act thereon.

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.

Stabilization Funds, OPEB and PEG

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide for the purpose of supplementing the Stabilization Fund established under Article 22 of the warrant for Annual Town Meeting of 1961, as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5B of the General Laws, as amended; or otherwise act thereon.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from available funds for the purpose of supplementing the Capital Stabilization Fund established under Article 2 of the warrant for Fall Annual Town Meeting of 2010, as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5B of the General Laws, as amended; or otherwise act thereon.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from available funds for the purpose of supplementing the Operational Stabilization Fund established by vote of the 2011 Spring Annual Town Meeting under Article 4, as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5B of the General Laws, as amended; or otherwise act thereon.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from available funds for the purpose of supplementing the Inflow & Infiltration Stabilization Fund established under Article 30 of the warrant for the Spring Annual Town Meeting of 2014, as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5B of the General Laws, as amended, or otherwise act thereon.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from available funds for the purpose of supplementing the FAR Bonus Stabilization Fund established under Article 24 of the warrant for the Fall Annual Town Meeting of 2015, as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5B of the General Laws, as amended, or otherwise act thereon.

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide for, the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund established pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 32B, Section 20 of the General Laws as amended by section 15 of Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016; or otherwise act thereon.

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, established by vote of 2019 Special Town Meeting #1 under Article 1, as authorized by Chapter 44, Section 53F $\frac{3}{4}$ of the General Laws, as amended, to fund PEG access programming, as well as certain other municipal cable related expenses; or otherwise act thereon.

Unpaid Bills

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide for the payment of unpaid bills of previous years, incurred by the departments, boards and officers of the Town of Natick; or otherwise act thereon.
whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise;

or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 36

Authorize Special Legislation – Real Estate Transfer Fee for Affordable Housing (Natick Affordable Housing Trust)

Move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation substantially in the following form, 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 this petition, to impose a real estate transfer fee to be used by the Town for the purposes of acquiring, creating, preserving, rehabilitating, restoring and supporting affordable housing in the Town:

“An act establishing a real estate transfer fee upon the transfer of residential real property in the Town of Natick”

SECTION 1.

(i) There is hereby imposed a real estate transfer fee, hereafter “the fee,” upon the transfer of any real property interest in any residential real property consisting of one to three units situated in the Town of Natick.

(ii) The fee shall be equal to 0.5% of the portion of the purchase price exceeding a “fee threshold”. Said fee threshold is defined as 125% of the average assessed value of all residential real property consisting of one to three units in the Town of Natick, with said fee threshold rounded to the nearest \$10,000.

(iii) The Town shall recalculate the fee threshold annually and shall, no later than November first of each year, establish the new threshold value effective in the coming calendar year.

(iv) The Town shall make known the existence and details of the fee by means of a card included with each Municipal Lien Certificate issued by the Town, and annually by advertisement in four successive issues of *Banker and Tradesman* and *Mass Lawyers Weekly*. The information supplied on the card and in the advertisements shall include:

- (a) the existence of the transfer fee, as described in Section 1(i) above;
- (b) the means by which the fee is calculated, as described in Section 1(ii) above;
- (c) the current value of the threshold;
- (d) {if on or after November 1}, the threshold value for the coming calendar year;
- (e) the requirements of Section 4 below.
- (v) Fees of less than \$50 shall not be imposed.

SECTION 2. The following transfers of real property interests shall be exempt from the fee established in Section 1:

- (i) transfers of mixed-use properties;

(ii) transfers to or from the federal government, the Commonwealth, the Town, and any of their instrumentalities, agencies or subdivisions, including the Natick Housing Authority and the Natick Affordable Housing Trust;

(iii) transfers of the portion of a real property subject to an affordable housing restriction;

(iv) transfers to a charitable organization, as defined in clause Third of section 5 of chapter 59 of the General Laws, or a religious organization, provided, however, that the real property interests so transferred will be held solely for public charitable or religious purposes;

(v) transfers made without additional consideration to confirm, correct, modify or supplement a transfer previously made.

SECTION 3. The fee shall be the liability of the purchaser of such real property interest, and any agreement between the purchaser and the seller or any other person with reference to the allocation of the liability for the fee shall not affect such liability of the purchaser to the Town. The Town may define by bylaw what constitutes a real property interest and the calculation of the fee.

SECTION 4. When a transfer subject to the transfer fee occurs, the following shall be provided to the Town:

(i) an affidavit signed by the purchaser and seller attesting to the address of the property, the date of transfer and the purchase price, and

(iia) the applicable fee owed, marked as payable to the Natick Affordable Housing Trust Fund, or

(iib) an affidavit signed by the purchaser and seller attesting to the basis, if any, upon which the transfer is claimed, under the provisions of Section 2, to be exempt in whole or in part from said fee.

SECTION 5. All fees received pursuant to this act shall be deposited in the Natick Affordable Housing Trust Fund established pursuant to section 55C of chapter 44 of the General Laws.

SECTION 6. The Town shall have such remedies to collect the fee as provided by law with respect to the collection of real property taxes. The Town may, by bylaw, adopt additional requirements, exemptions, and regulations to implement or enforce said fee, consistent with this act.

SECTION 7. Acceptance of this act by the Town of Natick shall be by vote of approval at an annual Town Meeting. Sections 1 to 6, inclusive, shall take effect 30 days after such acceptance by the Town.

and to take all action necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes of this article.

ARTICLE 37
Amend Zoning Bylaws:
Home Occupation/Customary Home Occupation Dog Kennels
(Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Natick Zoning By-laws by modifying Section III-A.2 (Use Regulations Schedule) and Section 200 (Definitions) regarding Home Occupation/Customary Home Occupation Dog Kennels or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 38
Amend Home Occupation Dog Kennel Zoning
(Saul Beaumont et al)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Natick Zoning Bylaws as follows, including but not limited to:

- 1) Amend Section I/Article I Section 200 – DEFINITIONS to establish, create, define, and/or recognize multiple methods, arrangements, and/or forms of owning, breeding, boarding, caring for, supervising, kenneling, and/or otherwise maintaining dogs in a Home Occupation/Customary Home Occupation Dog Kennel; and
- 2) Amend any other Section of the Natick Zoning Bylaw necessary to regulate these uses;
or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 39
Repeal Historical Preservation Smaller Estates Amendment
(Robert Awkward & Brad Peterson et al)

To see if the Town will vote to Repeal Section III-J(10), “Historical Preservation: Smaller Estates”, of the Natick Zoning By-law

ARTICLE 40
Modify Historical Preservation Bylaw Amendment
(Beatrice Farr et al)

To see if the Town will vote to modify Section III-J(10), “Historical Preservation: Smaller Estates” of the Natick Zoning Bylaw by,

- (a) reducing the amount of new construction that can be added to existing historical structures based on their documented interior habitable floor space;
- (b) reducing the amount of new construction of replicated historical structures based on their documented interior habitable floor space or the above-grade gross volume of that former structure;
- (c) limiting replication to those historical structures that were located entirely within the bounds of the applicant’s current lot;
- (d) reducing the allowable FAR of the interior habitable floor area;
- (e) reducing the maximum number of dwelling units allowed on the net useable land area;
- (f) authorizing the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen to jointly appoint a study committee to make other modifications to create clearer guidance concerning the decisional criteria of this “Smaller Estates” section, provide definitions where

appropriate, and/or harmonize this section with the rest of the Historic Preservation By-law (Sect. III-J); such study committee shall contain no more than seven (7) members, may include members from their own boards, but must include a member of the Natick Historical Commission and the Director of Community and Economic Development and at least three (3) Natick citizens not serving on those two boards and the commission;

(g) requiring that until such time as the aforementioned study committee completes its modifications, there shall be a moratorium, not to exceed one (1) year, on any applications under Sect. III-J (10); or

take any other action with respect thereto but consistent with (a)-(g) above.

ARTICLE 41 **Reform of the Electoral Process** **(Paul Connolly et al)**

To see if the Town will take action first to study and later to implement a reform of the electoral process for choosing elected Town officers that is based on the use of a method of ranked-choice voting in which voters indicate their order of preference for the candidates they choose. The goal is that all candidates elected have received votes from a majority of those voting for that office, whether that is achieved using first choice votes only or when subsequent choice votes are incorporated into the calculations in turn. The second goal achieved is the elimination of preliminary elections.

ARTICLE 42 **Plastic Straw Restriction** **(Joseph Napurano et al)**

Prohibit a full service restaurant from providing a single-use plastic straw to a consumer unless requested by a consumer.

Violation beyond first and second infraction will result in an infraction punishable by a fine of twenty-five dollars for each day of violation, but infractions will not exceed three-hundred dollars annually.

ARTICLE 43 **Local Option Exemption to Appoint a Police Officer** **(Rita Silva Martins, et al)**

To determine whether the Town will authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court for special legislation that would permit an applicant, Rita Silva Martins, who desires to seek appointment to be a police officer in the Town of Natick and who has reached the age of 32 before taking any civil service examination regarding such appointment. Said special legislation is as follows:

An act

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding Section 58 of Chapter 31 of the General Laws or any other general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary regulating the maximum age of an applicant for appointment as a police officer, Rita Silva Martins of the Town of Natick, shall be eligible to have her name certified for original appointment to the position of Police Officer in the Town of Natick notwithstanding her having reached the age of 32 before taking any civil service examination in connection with that appointment.

SECTION 2. Rita Silva Martins shall be eligible for appointment to the position of police officer in the Town of Natick provided that she meets all other requirements for certification and appointment to this position.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.

or take any other action relative thereto.

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, Lola's, 9 Main 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 14, 2020; also by causing the titles of the articles on the Warrant for the 2020 Spring Annual Town Meeting to be published once in the Newspaper called "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 24, 2020.

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 18th day of February, 2020.

Board of Selectmen for the Town of Natick

Michael J. Hickey, Jr.
Chair

Susan G. Salamoff
Vice Chair

Jonathan Freedman
Clerk

Karen Adelman-Foster
Member

Richard P. Jennett, 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., Monday through Wednesday; 8:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m. on Thursday and 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Friday; the Warrant may also be accessed from the Town web site www.natickma.gov.