

Warrant Article Questionnaire Standard (Recurring) Town Agency Articles

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

Article # 22	Date Form Completed: 3/15/21
Article Title: 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	
Sponsor Name: Select Board	Email: jerrickson@natickma.org

Question	Question
1	<p>Provide the article motion exactly as it will appear in the Finance Committee Recommendation Book and presented to Town Meeting for action.</p> <p>Note: Failing to provide a complete motion will likely require a rescheduling of the hearing to a later date.</p>
Response	See attached
2	At a summary level and very clearly, what is the proposed purpose and objective of this Warrant Article and the accompanying Motion?
Response	<p>The purpose of this article is to support the continued revitalization and vitality of Natick Center, which is critical as the district seeks to rebuild and encourage private investment following the COVID-19 economic crisis. The article seeks to authorize the Select Board to petition the state legislature to provide the town (through the Select Board) the ability to issue an additional 3 off-premises liquor licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages to establishments located in the DM (Downtown Mixed Use) zoning district. Over the past 5+ years, several businesses seeking to open establishments in Natick Center, such as a cheese/provisions shop, butcher/small scale market, or other similar business, have been unwilling to open due to the lack of this type of license. The Town is currently unable to support these types of businesses that are desirable to the business mix and continued vitality of Natick Center.</p>
3	What previous Warrant’s has this Article appeared and what has been the actions taken by Finance Committee, other Boards or Committees and Town Meeting?
Response	T(ype response here)

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	Warrant Period	Other Committees	FinCom Action	Town Meeting
	SATM 2020	SB – support	NA	NA (COVID)
	Prior			
<p>Comments: This was prepared for the 2020 SATM, but due to COVID was not acted on by Town Meeting.</p>				
4	Why is it required for the Town of Natick and for the Town Agency sponsor(s)?			
Response	This is not a requirement for the Town. However, if the Town seeks to support this initiative, a Home Rule petition to the state legislature is the required path.			
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			
6	To the best of your knowledge has any other actions of recent Town Meetings, Massachusetts General Laws or CMR's or other such legislation or actions, created a conflict for this article's purpose and objective?			
Response	None to the best of my knowledge.			
7	To the best of your knowledge does a favorable action on the part of this Town Meeting create a conflict or a possible future conflict with the relevant Town Bylaws, financial and capital plans, comprehensive Master Plan, community values, or any relevant state laws and regulations?			
Response	None to the best of my knowledge.			

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8	Is there anything contemplated in <u>the proposed motion</u> that is different than what was contemplated when the article was submitted for the warrant and in how it's expected this article will be executed if acted on favorably by Town Meeting?
Response	No.
9	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	The Town will not have the ability to support Natick Center business development through the ability to offer additional off premises licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages.