

Warrant Article Questionnaire Non-Standard Town Agency Articles

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

Article #18	Date Form Completed: 3-24-21
Article Title: Appropriate Contingency Funds for Phase 2 of the West Natick Fire Station Building Project	
Sponsor Name: Select Board	Email: jerrickson@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	Move that the Town appropriate the sum of \$100,000 to be expended under the direction of the Select Board for the purpose of supplementing contingency funding of the Phase 2 associated work for construction of the new Fire Station located at 268 Speen Street, Natick, Massachusetts, 01760, including all related facilities, buildings, appurtenant structures, site improvements, and grounds; and that to meet this appropriation the sum of \$100,000 be appropriated from the Capital Stabilization Fund.
2	At a summary level and very clearly, what is the proposed purpose and objective of this Warrant Article and the accompanying Motion?
Response	To provide contingency funding for the completion for Phase 2 of the West Natick Fire Station project.
3	Has this article or one of a very similar scope and substance been on a previous Warrant Article and what have been the actions taken by the Finance Committee, other Boards or Committees and Town Meeting?
Response	Yes, funds requested are in addition to funds appropriated under Article 33 of the 2016 Spring Annual Town Meeting, Article 22 of the 2017 Spring Annual Town Meeting and Article 15 of the 2018 Fall Annual Town Meeting
4	Why is it required for the Town of Natick and for the Town Agency sponsor(s)?
Response	This funding is desired to ensure the West Natick Fire Station project can be completed in its entirety as planned.
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	Yes - \$100k from Capital Stabilization
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?

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	Does this article seek to amend, rescind or otherwise change any prior action of Natick Town Meeting?
Response	This article is consistent with past appropriation town meeting actions under Article 33 of the 2016 Spring Annual Town Meeting, Article 22 of the 2017 Spring Annual Town Meeting and Article 15 of the 2018 Fall Annual 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	The proposed motion supports the final phase of construction of the West Natick Fire Station project. This project has been under consideration, planning, design and construction for many years. The project is nearing completion, but has seen cost increases due to unknown, on site environmental contamination and remediation work (completed). Contingency funding for the project is limited as the project enters Phase 2 and in order to complete the project, an additional amount of contingency funding is being requested. These funds will only be utilized if needed due to unforeseen circumstances.
8	Who are the critical participants in executing the effort envisioned by the article motion?
Response	The Select Board, the West Natick Fire Station Building Committee, and Town Administration will work with the Town's consultants and contractors in executing any use of these funds.
9	What steps and communication has the sponsor attempted to assure that: <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	This is an ongoing project and all interested parties have been involved throughout the project work and throughout the discussion of this warrant article.
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	Phase 2 of the WNFS project includes, but is not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demolition of the old fire station and removing all materials including the basement • Excavation on the old building site and the installation of the final Storm Water Retention & Management components to be located under the old Fire Station building

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final connections for the permanent utilities which includes groundwork• Completion of the access driveway on Speen Street to the new curb cuts which runs across the old Fire Station lot and the footprint of the old building and final layer of the asphalt for that area• Completion of the so-called Pocket Park to be located on the site of the old building• Other smaller elements of Phase 2 that will be required to meet the final completion of the project <p>While it is anticipated that the project contingency balance heading into Phase 2 may be as high as \$50k, there is no guarantee since this project is ongoing. Further, \$50k for Phase 2, which is estimated to cost approximately \$1M to complete, is concerning given the complexities of the Phase and the timing of the work. Phase 2 will be completed over the late spring and summer months, which means if funding is needed to finish the project, the ability to secure funding is limited. This may lead to components of the project not being completed, project delays, or other project impacts.</p>
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