



# COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Jonathan Freedman, Chair, Select Board  
Linda Wollschlager, Chair, Finance Committee

**From:** Scott Laughlin, Chair, Economic Development Committee

**CC:** James Freas, Director of Community and Economic Development  
Rick Jennett, Select Board Representative, Economic Development Committee

**Date:** 25 March 2021

**RE:** Spring Annual Town Meeting Article 22

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On behalf of the Economic Development Committee (EDC), I am writing to express full and unanimous support of Spring Annual Town Meeting Article 22, "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".

The Economic Development Committee urges favorable action regarding Article 22 as it will attract businesses to locate in Natick Center, and allow for a more robust retail mix, and an enhancement of the downtown experience.

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The EDC is an advisory board, created by the Town of Natick's Select Board, with the charge to:

- Attract business development to Natick that will maximize tax revenue and generate employment opportunities
- Promote utilization of existing infrastructure and facilities to the fullest extent possible
- Recognize neighborhood and community issues, concerns, and character
- Identify and plan for changing trends and opportunities
- Market Natick for economic development and strategic partnerships