

Warrant Article Questionnaire Non-Standard Town Agency Articles

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

Article # 34	Date Form Completed: 8/30/2021 rev. 9/1/21
Article Title: Amend Home Rule Charter, Article 3	
Sponsor Name: Town Clerk	Email:

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	<p style="color: red;">Move to amend Natick Home Rule Charter Article 3, Section 3-14 (a) by deleting the second sentence and replacing it with: “These members shall be elected or appointed in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 121B and the regulations promulgated thereunder” so that Section 3-14 (a) will read:</p> <p style="color: red; padding-left: 40px;">(a) Composition, Term of Office – There shall be a Housing Authority which shall consist of five members serving for terms of five years each so arranged that the term of one member shall expire each year. These members shall be elected or appointed in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 121B and the regulations promulgated thereunder.</p>																								
2	At a summary level and very clearly, what is the proposed purpose and objective of this Warrant Article and the accompanying Motion?																								
Response	This article and motion are changes to make sure that the charter is in line with MGL.																								
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	<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold;">NO</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 25%;">Warrant Period Ex: 2021 SATM</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Other Committees Ex: Planning Bd refer</th> <th style="width: 25%;">FinCom Action Ex: Referral</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Town Meeting Ex: Referral</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Warrant Period Ex: 2021 SATM	Other Committees Ex: Planning Bd refer	FinCom Action Ex: Referral	Town Meeting Ex: Referral																				
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	Comments:
4	Why is it required for the Town of Natick and for the Town Agency sponsor(s)?
Response	This is to assure that the Charter is in line with MGL
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 funding required
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? Does this article seek to amend, rescind or otherwise change any prior action of Natick Town Meeting?
Response	This is to comply with changes to MGL Chapter 121B—Specifically sections 5 and 5A
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	No cost implications
8	Who are the critical participants in executing the effort envisioned by the article motion?

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Response	N/A
9	<p>What steps and communication has the sponsor attempted to assure that:</p> <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	I have worked with the Town Administrator and Town Counsel on this
10	Since submitting the article have you identified issues that weren't initially considered in the development of the proposal?
Response	N/A
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	The consequences to the Town are that their Charter will not be in compliance with MGL.