

Warrant Article Questionnaire Non-Standard Town Agency Articles

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

Article # 25	Date Form Completed: 9-21-2021
Article Title: Appropriate Funds for New Zoning and Capital Improvement Planning for the Golden Triangle Area	
Sponsor Name: Julian Munnich, Chairman of Planning Board	Email: planning@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	<p style="color: #4F81BD;">To see what sum the town will appropriate and raise, or otherwise provide for the procurement of professional services to develop new zoning and capital improvement planning for the Golden Triangle Area.</p> <p style="color: #4F81BD;">Or otherwise act thereon.</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	To hire professional consultant(s) to re-develop multiple overlay zoning for Golden Triangle and establish a new capital improvement plan.																								
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: #4F81BD;">NO</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 25%;">Warrant Period <small>Ex: 2021 SATM</small></th> <th style="width: 25%;">Other Committees <small>Ex: Planning Bd refer</small></th> <th style="width: 25%;">FinCom Action <small>Ex: Referral</small></th> <th style="width: 25%;">Town Meeting <small>Ex: Referral</small></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 <small>Ex: 2021 SATM</small>	Other Committees <small>Ex: Planning Bd refer</small>	FinCom Action <small>Ex: Referral</small>	Town Meeting <small>Ex: Referral</small>																				
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	Comments:
4	Why is it required for the Town of Natick and for the Town Agency sponsor(s)?
Response	Standard procedure for Planning Board to sponsor such an article. Review of any proposals would be conducted by the Planning Board.
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	300,000 from Free Cash
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	No
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	Wholly Consistent. The Golden Triangle economic sustainability is a primary focus of the Natick 2030 Master Plan and is the largest commercial development in Natick.

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8	Who are the critical participants in executing the effort envisioned by the article motion?
Response	Planning Board, Economic Development Committee
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	Planning Board Public Hearing 9-8-21
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	Zoning would remain convoluted and the Natick Mall will continue to have a small selection of potential uses to inhabit forecasted vacancies.