

Warrant Article Questionnaire Non-Standard Town Agency Articles

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

Article # 23	Date Form Completed: 03.24.2022
Article Title: Definitions and Table of Use	
Sponsor Name: Planning Board	Email: aloomis@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	To see if the Town will vote to refer Article 23 Definitions and Table of Use back to the Planning Board for further development; or otherwise act thereon.												
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 original objective of Article 23 was to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revise unclear language for the definition of Creative Production Align definition language with the Table of Use Clarify the required number of off-street parking spaces relative to use Provide clear description of allowed uses Update definitions and table of uses to meet current and future economic conditions <p>Upon further review during the public hearing process, it was identified that additional amendments were needed, which were outside the scope of the Article. Rather than update the Definitions and Table of Use at separate Town Meetings, the Planning Board determined the best approach to withdraw and bring Article 23 back at a later Town Meeting.</p>												
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>The Planning Board requests that Article 23 be referred back to the sponsor. Such action has not been acted upon previously.</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> </tbody> </table> <p>Comments:</p>	Warrant Period Ex: 2021 SATM	Other Committees Ex: Planning Bd refer	FinCom Action Ex: Referral	Town Meeting Ex: Referral								
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4	Why is it required for the Town of Natick and for the Town Agency sponsor(s)?
Response	The original intent was to increase user ability, update existing or add new terms, and provide additional opportunities. Upon review, Article 23 needs to be expanded to ensure other sections of the Zoning Bylaw do not conflict with proposed amendments.
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	Not applicable - No funds are required for Article 23
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	Not applicable at this time
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	Not applicable at this time
8	Who are the critical participants in executing the effort envisioned by the article motion?
Response	Not applicable at this time
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Legal ad for the March 16th public hearing was published in the Metro West Daily Newspaper on February 25th and March 4th ● Legal mailers were send to the abutting communities and required parties of interest prior to March 4th ● Public hearings for Article 23 were held on March 16th and March 23rd

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10	Since submitting the article have you identified issues that weren't initially considered in the development of the proposal?
Response	During the public hearing process, the Planning Board identified the need to withdraw Article 23 for future expansion of the proposal. It is in the Town's best interest to bring the article back as one rather than multiple Town Meetings.
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	Not applicable – The Planning Board requests the Article to be referred back to the sponsor to ensure a holistic review and Article be brought forward at a future Town Meeting.