

Warrant Article Questionnaire Standard (Recurring) Town Agency Articles

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

Article # 1	Date Form Completed: 3/30/22
Article Title: Authorize Select Board to Acquire, Obtain, Abandon or Relocate Easements	
Sponsor Name: Town Administrator	Email: jerrickson@natickma.org

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1	<p>Provide the article motion exactly as it will appear in the Finance Committee Recommendation Book and presented to Town Meeting for action.</p> <p>Note: Failing to provide a complete motion will likely require a rescheduling of the hearing to a later date.</p>																								
Response	<p>Move that the Town vote to authorize the Select Board, during Fiscal Year 2023, to acquire on behalf of the Town any and all easements for any of the following purposes: roads, sidewalks, vehicular and/or pedestrian access or passage, drainage and utilities, provided however that such authorization pertains only to easements acquired at no cost to the Town; and, further, to authorize the Select Board, subsequent to a public hearing, during Fiscal Year 2023 to abandon or relocate easements acquired for any of the foregoing purposes.</p>																								
2	<p>At a summary level and very clearly, what is the proposed purpose and objective of this Warrant Article and the accompanying Motion?</p>																								
Response	<p>To authorize the Select Board to acquire, abandon or relocate on behalf of the Town any and all easements for various public purposes primarily related to public infrastructure. This article helps to streamline the easement acceptance, abandonment, or relocations process throughout a given fiscal year.</p>																								
3	<p>What previous Warrant’s has this Article appeared and what has been the actions taken by Finance Committee, other Boards or Committees and Town Meeting?</p>																								
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	<p>Comments: This is a standard article with broad historic support.</p>
4	Why is it required for the Town of Natick and for the Town Agency sponsor(s)?
Response	This is a town policy/past practice.
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 is required
6	To the best of your knowledge has any other actions of recent Town Meetings, Massachusetts General Laws or CMR's or other such legislation or actions, created a conflict for this article's purpose and objective?
Response	Not to the best of my knowledge.
7	To the best of your knowledge does a favorable action on the part of this Town Meeting create a conflict or a possible future conflict with the relevant Town Bylaws, financial and capital plans, comprehensive Master Plan, community values, or any relevant state laws and regulations?
Response	Not to the best of my knowledge.
8	Is there anything contemplated in <u>the proposed motion</u> that is different than what was contemplated when the article was submitted for the warrant and in how it's expected this article will be executed if acted on favorably by Town Meeting?
Response	This is the same language as past years, with the exception of the fiscal year.

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9	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	If this were not in place, all such easement adjustments (acquisitions, abandonments, relocations) would require action by Town Meeting, thereby leading to more lengthy Town Meetings, project delays, and likely cost implications on a given project (public and private).