

Warrant Article Questionnaire Non-Standard Town Agency Articles

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

Article # 28	Date Form Completed: 3.30.22
Article Title: Committee Report, Handbook, Term	
Sponsor Name: Town Meeting Practices and Rules Committee ("TMPRC")	Email: cmcfincom@gmail.com

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>Motion A: "Move that Town Meeting vote to adopt a revised Town Meeting Member Handbook as shown in the document titled TMMHandbook Spring 2022".</p> <p>Motion B: "Move that Town Meeting vote to hear and discuss a report of the Town Meeting Practices and Rules Committee."</p> <p>Motion C: "Move to extend the term of the Town Meeting Practices and Rules Committee until the dissolution of 2022 Fall Annual Town Meeting."</p> <p>Note: Motion C is only necessary if changes need to be made to the Town Meeting Member Handbook.</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 adopt a new Town Meeting Member Handbook ("TMMH") and hear and discuss a report of the TMPRC. If Town Meeting desires changes to the TMMH, the term of the TMPRC may need to be extended.
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>Previous TMPRC reports have been made to Town Meeting.</p> <p>The TMMH was last adopted in 2004/5.</p>

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	Comments:
4	Why is it required for the Town of Natick and for the Town Agency sponsor(s)?
Response	Town Meeting voted the TMPRC to report and produce an updated TMMH.
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	None at this time.
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
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
8	Who are the critical participants in executing the effort envisioned by the article motion?
Response	Town meeting members

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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	<p>The TMPRC made a draft of the revised and updated TMMH dated July 2021 available to town meeting and the public through the Town Clerk's web page. Comments from the public were received, reviewed, and the TMMH was revised in response. This does not mean that every comment was incorporated into the newest version, however, the TMPRC did review all comments.</p>
10	<p>Since submitting the article have you identified issues that weren't initially considered in the development of the proposal?</p>
Response	<p>No</p>
11	<p>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?</p>
Response	<p>Town Meeting has no opportunity to adopt a revised and updated version of the TMMH and will not have an opportunity to doesn't hear a report from the TMPRC.</p>