

**WARRANT
FALL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 2022**

THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss

To Any Constable of the Town of Natick in said County:
Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are required to notify the qualified Town Meeting Members of the said Town of Natick to meet on **Tuesday Evening October 18, 2022, at 7:30 PM**, Natick High School, Natick, MA, then and there to act on the following Articles:

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Article 29	Natick Charles River Dam

Article 1
Committee Article
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to hear and discuss the reports of town officers, boards, and committees; or otherwise act thereon.

Article 2
Fiscal 2023 Omnibus Budget
(Town Administrator)

To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide for the operation of the government of the Town of Natick, including debt and interest, during Fiscal Year 2023 (July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023) and to provide for a reserve fund for Fiscal Year 2023, and to see what budgets for Fiscal 2023 will be reduced to offset said additional appropriations; or otherwise act thereon.

Article 3
Rescind Authorized, Unissued Debt
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the authorization for unissued debt that has been determined is no longer needed for the completion of various projects; or otherwise act thereon.

Article 4
Unpaid Bills
(Town Administrator)

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide for the payment of unpaid bills of previous years, incurred by the departments, boards and officers of the Town of Natick; or otherwise act thereon.

Article 5
Stabilization Fund
(Town Administrator)

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide for the purpose of supplementing the Stabilization Fund established under Article 22 of the warrant for Annual Town Meeting of 1961, as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5B of the General Laws, as amended; or otherwise act thereon.

Article 6
Operational/Rainy Day Stabilization Fund
(Town Administrator)

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide for the purpose of supplementing the Operational Stabilization Fund established by vote of the 2011 Spring Annual Town Meeting under Article 4, as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5B of the General Laws, as amended; or otherwise act thereon.

Article 7
Capital Stabilization Fund
(Town Administrator)

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide for the purpose of supplementing the Capital Stabilization Fund established under Article 2 of the warrant for Fall Annual Town Meeting of 2010, as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5B of the General Laws, as amended; or otherwise act thereon.

Article 8
Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Appropriation or Transfer of Funds
(Town Administrator)

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide for, the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund established pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 32B, Section 20 of the General Laws as amended by section 15 of Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016, or otherwise act thereon.

Article 9
PEG Access and Cable Related Fund
(Town Administrator)

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, established by vote of 2019 Special Town Meeting #1 under Article 1, as authorized by Chapter 44, Section 53F ³/₄ of the General Laws, as amended, to fund PEG access programming, as well as certain other municipal cable related expenses; or otherwise act thereon.

Article 10
Personnel Board Classification and Pay Plan
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town, pursuant to the authority contained in Section 108A of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, will vote to amend Article 24 of the Natick Town By-Laws, specifically the Classification and Pay Plan referenced in Section 3, paragraph 3.10 therein, by adding, deleting or amending position titles; re-classifying positions to a different Grade; and/or effecting changes in the salary ranges as presently established; or otherwise act thereon.

Article 11
Collective Bargaining
(Town Administrator)

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, to implement any Collective Bargaining Agreements between the Town of Natick and any recognized bargaining units of the Town; or otherwise act thereon.

Article 12
Home Rule Petition: Natick Patrol Officers – Exemption from Civil Service
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth to enact special legislation and to revoke prior special acts, pursuant to bargaining agreements between the Town of Natick and the Natick Patrol Officers Association, Local 496, Massachusetts Coalition of Police, so that the position of Police Officer in the Town of Natick shall be exempt from chapter 31 of the General Laws and related regulations applicable thereto, provided that the General Court may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition. However, the foregoing exemption shall not impair the civil service status of the present Police Officers employed by the Police Department of the Town of Natick; or to otherwise act thereon.

Article 13
Home Rule Petition: Natick Superior Officers – Exemption from Civil Service
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth to enact special legislation, and to revoke prior special acts, pursuant to bargaining agreements between the Town of Natick and the New England Police Benevolent Association, Inc., Local 82, so that the position of Police Sergeant and Police Lieutenant in the Town of Natick shall be exempt from chapter 31 of the General Laws and related regulations

applicable thereto, provided that the General Court may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition. However, the foregoing exemption shall not impair the civil service status of the present Police Sergeants and Police Lieutenants employed by the Police Department of the Town of Natick; or to otherwise act thereon.

Article 14
Create a Natick Town Bylaw to provide for Tax Payment Agreements
pursuant to M.G.L c.60 section 62A
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to create a Town of Natick by-law to authorize, pursuant to M.G.L. c.60 section 62A, payment agreements between the Treasurer and persons entitled to redeem parcels in tax title and waive certain interest payments as specified in said bylaw or otherwise act thereon.

Article 15
Capital Equipment and Improvement
(Town Administrator)

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide to implement a Capital Improvement Program as may be required for capital equipment for the various departments of the Town of Natick; to protect the physical infrastructure of the Town of Natick, to add new physical infrastructure, or to improve community assets; and further to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; or otherwise act thereon.

Article 16
Town Clerk from Elected to Appointed Position
(Town Clerk, Town Administrator, Personnel Board)

To see what action the Town will take to amend the Natick Home Rule Charter and the Natick General Bylaws to change the Town Clerk position from an elected officer to an appointed officer, inclusive of any powers and duties of the position as noted in the Charter and Bylaws, or otherwise act thereon.

Article 17
MathWorks Mitigation Funds Re-appropriation
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to re-appropriate \$310,000, which was originally appropriated from the Mathworks Mitigation Fund to be used for road improvement projects, for which the remaining funds are no longer needed, to two different projects: (1) design and construction of improvements to the intersection of Walnut Street and Bacon Street and (2) design and construction of trailhead improvements at the Rt. 9 entrance to Hunnewell Town Forest. Funding will be expended under the direction of the Town Administrator; or otherwise act thereon.

Article 18
Home Rule Petition: Remove Minimum Seating Capacity Requirements for All Alcohol
and Wine and Malt Beverages On Premises Licenses
(Select Board)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board of the Town of Natick to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth to enact special legislation, notwithstanding section 11 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, or any other general or special law to the contrary, which allows the Town of Natick to grant licenses for the sale of all alcohol and wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises, to restaurants, regardless of the seating capacity of those restaurants, such that any minimum seating capacity is set by the Select Board through its licensing rules or policies; and for such special legislation to supersede all prior special legislation, ballot vote or other general or special laws or acts, which purport to establish any minimum seating capacity; provided that the General Court may reasonably vary the form and

substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition, or to otherwise act thereon.

Article 19
Small Personal Property Exemption
(Board of Assessors)

To see if the Town will vote to adopt clause 54 of Section 5 of Chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws, and authorize the Town to establish a minimum fair cash value for personal property subject to taxation beginning Fiscal Year 2024 as of the assessment date of January 1st, 2023, or otherwise act thereon.

Article 20
Moratorium – III-F Cluster Development Allowed in Certain Districts
(Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to enact a moratorium from accepting new applications under Section III-F (Cluster Development Allowed in Certain Districts) Zoning Bylaw from the date of legal notification of this Article for 18 months thereafter, to allow the Planning Board time to review and revised the bylaw and its application for a future Town Meeting; or otherwise act thereon.

Article 21
Regional Center (RC) Overlay District
(Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 323.1.5 of the Natick Zoning Bylaw to include uses identified under Section III - A.2.27A to be allowed in the Regional Center (RC) Overlay District; or otherwise act thereon.

Article 22
III-F Cluster Development Allowed in Certain Districts
(Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section III-F of the Natick Zoning Bylaw (Cluster Development Allowed in Certain Districts) including but not limited to all sections necessary for the comprehensive re-write of Section III-F, or otherwise act thereon.

Article 23
Paper Submittal Requirements
(Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to amend all applicable sections of the Natick Zoning Bylaw to delete any reference to the submittal of paper applications or documents; or otherwise act thereon.

Article 24
East Central/Union Street Intersection (southern side)
(Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Natick Zoning Bylaw and Zoning map for the area on the southern side of East Central Street and Union Street by creating a new zoning district as a transition between the Downtown Mixed-use (DM) Zoning District and the surrounding residential zoning districts, and by amending all other applicable sections of the Natick Zoning Bylaw and Zoning Map necessary to establish such district; or otherwise act thereon.

Article 25
Establish Charter and By-Law Review Committee
(Town Moderator)

To see if the Town will vote to establish a special committee, the Charter and By-Laws Review Committee (CBRC), consistent with the Town of Natick Home Rule Charter, Article 7, Section 7-6.

Article 7, Section 7-6 reads as follows:

Section 7-6 Periodic Review, Charter and By-Laws

(a) **Establishment of Committee** - The town meeting shall provide for the establishment of a special committee to be appointed by the Moderator, unless otherwise directed by vote of town meeting. Said committee shall review the provisions of the charter and the by-laws and shall make a report, with recommendations, to the town meeting, concerning any proposed amendments or revisions, which said committee may deem to be necessary or desirable.

The town meeting shall establish the committee at least within five years of the time the previous committee was dissolved and, at any time, may vote to extend the term of the committee or the time by which the committee is required to submit a report.

(b) **Review Procedures** - The committee shall conduct its review with the assistance of town counsel or, if the town meeting so directs, special counsel retained for that purpose. A report, with recommendations, shall be submitted to the town meeting not more than ten months following the date such committee is appointed or as otherwise provided by town meeting vote.

(c) **Copies of Charter and By-Laws** - Copies of the charter and by-laws of the town, as most recently amended or revised, shall be kept available for distribution to any person who may request the same at the office of the town clerk. A charge, not to exceed the actual cost of reproduction of said material, may be charged. In an interval between publication of the charter or by-laws, as amended or revised, supplements shall be published which shall contain all enactments affecting the charter or by-laws since last published in consolidated form.

Or otherwise act thereon.

Article 26
246 N. Main St.
(Natick Affordable Housing Trust Fund)

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L. c. 40 Section 15A, to transfer the property currently under the care, custody and control of the Treasurer, known as 246 North Main Street. Assessors Map 18, Lot 99 containing approximately 12,000 sq. ft. to the Select Board for conveyance to the Natick Affordable Housing Trust Fund for purposes consistent with the terms of the Declaration of Trust including the development and support of affordable housing, subject to compliance with relevant state procurement and related laws; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article 27
Survey and Roadway Layout Plan for Pinewood and Hillcrest Avenues
(Elizabeth Eichfeld et al)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to survey and develop a roadway layout plan for Pinewood and Hillcrest Avenues, thereby enabling the residents to subsequently apply for street acceptance by the Town, or otherwise act thereon.

Article 28
The Brave Act
(Thomas Butler et al)

To see if the Town will vote to accept the following provisions of Massachusetts General Laws as amended by the Massachusetts BRAVE Act – an Act relative to Veterans’ benefits, rights, appreciation, validation and enforcement: M.G.L.c 33, §59; M.G.L.c. 59 §5N; and M.G.L.c. 59 §5 Clauses 22G and 22H regarding military veteran benefits;

and/or otherwise act thereon

Article 29
Natick Charles River Dam
(Saul Beaumont et al)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate funding to repair and maintain the Natick Charles River Dam substantially in its current location and configuration for a period of a minimum of twenty-five years.

You are directed to serve this Warrant by causing an attested copy of said Warrant to be posted in the Post Office in said Natick, and at the following public places in said Natick, to wit: Precinct 1, Reliable Cleaners, 214 West Central Street; Precinct 2, Cole Recreation Center, 179 Boden Lane; Precinct 3, Kennedy Middle School, 165 Mill St.; Precinct 4, 2 Summer Street; Precinct 5, Wilson Middle School, 22 Rutledge Road; Precinct 6, East Natick Fire Station, 2 Rhode Island Avenue; Precinct 7, Lilja Elementary School, 41 Bacon Street; Precinct 8, Natick High School, 15 West Street; Precinct 9: Community-Senior Center, 117 East Central Street and Precinct 10, Memorial Elementary School, 107 Eliot Street.

Above locations being at least one public place in each Precinct, in the Town of Natick, and also posted in the Natick U.S. Post Office, Town Hall, Bacon Free Library and Morse Institute Library seven days at least before October 18, 2022; also by causing the titles of the Articles on the Warrant for the 2022 Fall Annual Town Meeting to be published once in the Newspaper called "The Metrowest Daily News," with notice of availability of an attested copy of said Warrant, said Newspaper published in the Town of Natick and said publication to be August 25, 2022.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 22nd day of August, 2022.

Select Board for the Town of Natick

Paul R. Joseph, Chair

Michael J. Hickey, Jr.
Vice Chair

Bruce T. Evans, Clerk

Kathryn M. Coughlin
Member

Certified copies of the Warrant are available at the Office of the Town Clerk, Natick Town Hall, 13 East Central St., Natick, MA between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Wednesday; 8:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m. on Thursday; and 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Friday. The Warrant may also be accessed from the Town website www.natickma.gov.