

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: 9/4/22
Article Title: Establish Charter and By-Law Review Committee	
Sponsor Name: Frank Foss, Town Moderator	Email: Moderator@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>Move that the Town vote to establish a special committee, The Charter and By-Laws Review Committee (CBRC), consistent with The Natick Home Rule Charter, Article 7, Section 7-6.</p> <p>Said committee shall consist of no less than five (5) and no more than seven (7) residents appointed by the Town Moderator, of which at least four (4) members shall be current or former Town Meeting Members. The term of said committee members shall expire upon the dissolution of 2024 Spring Annual Town Meeting, unless otherwise extended by Town Meeting.</p> <p>The CBRC shall submit a report no later than the dissolution of 2023 Fall Annual Town Meeting, which may include suggested modifications to the Natick Home Rule Charter and or the Natick By-Laws.</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	Establish a special committee, The Charter and By-Laws Review Committee (CBRC), consistent with The Natick Home Rule Charter.																
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?																
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	Comments:				
4	Why is it required for the Town of Natick and for the Town Agency sponsor(s)?				
Response	Required by Natick Home Rule Charter, Article 7, Section 7-6.				
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				
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	Yes. 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	Required by Natick Home Rule Charter, Article 7, Section 7-6.				
8	Who are the critical participants in executing the effort envisioned by the article motion?				
Response	CBRC Members, Town Counsel and public.				
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 				

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Response	Posted to Warrant.
10	Since submitting the article have you identified issues that weren't initially considered in the development of the proposal?
Response	Yes.
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	Charter and By-Laws will possibly be brought up to date and appropriately reviewed, per the Charter.