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

Article #23	Date Form Completed: 08/29/2023
Article Title: To Ensure Safety of Residents Living on Dead-End Streets	
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Question	Question
1	Provide the article motion exactly as it is intended to be voted on by the Finance Committee.
Response	To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning bylaws to limit the number of new housing units that can be built on a residential street consisting of five or fewer existing single-family residences to a maximum of fifteen units, or to take any other action with respect thereto.
2	At a summary level and very clearly, what is proposed purpose and objective of this Warrant Article and the required Motion?
Response	To protect the residents who live on dead-end streets in the town of Natick from excessive building on their streets that would potentially endanger their family’s safety by limiting their escape and rescue in the event of a life-threatening emergency such as catastrophic events, examples; major wind-blown fires, hurricanes, tornadoes, major flooding by excessive rains, or any other Climate Change Event.
3	What does the sponsor gain from a positive action by Town Meeting on the motion?
Response	My gain is protecting and not overlooking my neighbor’s safety.
4	Describe with some specificity how the sponsor envisions how: the benefits will be realized; the problem will be solved; the community at large will gain value in the outcome through the accompanied motion?
Response	Dead-End streets are more difficult to access readily in the event of a catastrophe by emergency vehicles. This could jeopardize human life. It does not matter how many emergency vehicles the town has if the safety personnel cannot execute rescue operations

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5	How does the proposed motion (and implementation) fit with the relevant Town Bylaws, financial and capital plan, comprehensive plan, and community values as well as relevant state laws and regulations
Response	I do not see the need for extra capital for this plan. If anything, it preserves both capital and community values since it shows legitimate concern for the needs of these neighbors.
6	<p>Have you considered and assessed, qualified and quantified the various impacts to the community such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Town infrastructure (traffic, parking, etc.)</li> <li>● Neighbors (noise, traffic, etc.);</li> <li>● Environment and green issues (energy conservation, pollution, trash, encouraging walking and biking, etc.);</li> </ul>
Response	It is a positive reducing traffic and parking requirements. This would reduce noise due to less traffic and fewer delivery trucks, such as Amazon, FedEx and UPS. Most importantly, the neighbors overall would be safer. As far as the environment, a fixed maximum of units would control energy needs, less trash and less pollution.
7	<p>Who are the critical participants in executing the effort envisioned by the article motion?</p> <p>To this point what efforts have been made to involve those participants who may be accountable, responsible, consulted or just advised/informed on the impacts of executing the motion?</p>
Response	Town Government should be looking out for the safety of all citizens of Natick. The Fire and Police Departments should be looking out for the safety of the citizens. The Zoning and Planning boards should be looking out for the safety of the citizens. The Selectboard should be looking out for the safety of the citizens. I do not see why safety should be compromised.
8	<p>What steps and communication has the sponsor attempted to assure that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Interested parties were notified in a timely way and had a chance to participate in the process, that</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Appropriate town Boards &amp; Committees were consulted</li> <li>● Required public hearings were held</li> </ul>
Response	I am a party of one. This article will hopefully be presented to 180 town meeting members. Let it be debated. Let the neighbors have their say. Listen to them. Then vote. Government of the People and by the People should not be ignored.
9	Why is it required for the Town of Natick AND for the sponsor(s)?
Response	Safety First!
10	Since submitting the article petition have you identified issues that weren't initially considered in the development of the proposal?
Response	I see the Article as overwhelmingly positive.
11	What are other towns and communities in the Metro West area, or the Commonwealth of MA doing similar to what your motion seeks to accomplish
Response	I see no need to explore what other towns are doing and I am a representative of the town, through my elected town meeting membership. I have an obligation to support the safety of our Natick Community.
12	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	I have no financial horse in this race. Natick may benefit financially through safer expansion into these neighborhoods and maybe, a more controlled use of our EMT's, fire and police personnel. I think we can make Natick a safer community and this article is one way of achieving it.