

BYLAWS MOTIONS

Motion A: Move that the Town vote to amend Section 2 of Article 1 of the Natick Town Bylaws as

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Section 2 Special Town Meetings

The Select Board shall call a Special Town Meeting, in accordance with Section 2-11 (c) of the Charter, by giving public notice in a local newspaper at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of such Special Town Meeting, except where compliance with this provision would defeat the purpose of said Special Town Meeting. Special Town Meetings shall be held on a Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. For the purposes of this section, the words “local newspaper” shall include a newspaper of general circulation in the town, the town’s website, police and public works temporary signage, social media and/or other communication means, that alone or in combination, are reasonably capable of reaching and informing the citizens of the town.

Motion B: Move that the Town vote to amend Section 11 of Article 3 of the Natick Town Bylaws as

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Section 11 Motion for the Previous Question

The motion for the previous question may be considered and in order at the discretion of the Town Moderator in accordance with Town Meeting Time.

Pending:

Motion C: Move that the Town vote to adopt and insert Section 13 of Article 3 of the Natick Town Bylaws as follows

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Section 13. Dissolution

The representative town meeting may vote to dissolve upon disposition of all articles on the warrant for a particular town meeting. [The representative town meeting may also, by four-fifths vote, dissolve with articles remaining for consideration provided that immediately prior to a vote on dissolution, the Town

Moderator will identify and summarize each of the articles remaining for consideration.]

Motion D: Move that the Town vote to amend the Precedence of Motions table of Article 3 of the Natick Town Bylaws as follows.

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PRECEDENCE OF MOTIONS

Motion	Second Required	Debate	Amend	Vote Required
Adjourn or dissolve	Yes	No	No	Majority
Adjourn to a fixed time or recess ⁺⁺⁺⁺	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Lay on the table	Yes	Yes ⁺	No	2/3rds
For the previous question ⁺⁺⁺	Yes	No	No	2/3rds
For secret ballot	Yes	No	No	2/3rds
Roll call vote	Yes	Yes	No	1/3rd
Postpone to a time certain	Yes	Yes ⁺	Yes	Majority
Commit, recommit, or refer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Amend	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Postpone indefinitely	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Main Motion	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority ⁺⁺
Take no action	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Waive Mandatory Conditions	Yes	Yes	No	2/3rds
Precedent ⁺⁺⁺⁺⁺				
Reconsideration	Yes	Yes	No	2/3rds
Take from the table	Yes	Yes ⁺	No	Majority
Take up an article out of order	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3rds

Vote to dissolve with articles remaining for consideration takes 4/5ths vote.

+ See Section 3.

++ Some main motions are required by the general laws to be passed by greater than a majority vote; for example, bond issues, zoning changes, the taking of land require a 2/3 vote. For other examples, refer to the appendix in *Town Meeting Time* entitled "Quantum of Vote."

+++ See Section 11

++++ Finance Committee Public Hearing; See By-Law Article 1, Section 3.
Take no action shall be considered a neutral or non-negative action.

Motion E: Move that the Town vote to amend Section 1 of Article 10 of the Natick Town Bylaws as follows.

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ARTICLE 10 SELECT BOARD

Section 1 Scope of Powers and Duties

In accordance with Section 3-2 of the Charter, the Select Board shall be responsible for the general direction and management of the administration of the fiscal, prudential and municipal affairs of the executive branch of the Town in all matters not otherwise provided for by law, by charter or by these by-laws but not including the affairs, powers or prerogatives of legislative branch of the Town.

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