

## BYLAWS MOTIONS

**Motion A: Move that the Town vote to amend Section 2 of Article 1 of the Natick Town Bylaws by deleting the existing Section 2 in its entirety and replacing it with the following language labelled below Final Text.**

### *Final Text*

#### **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. 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 by deleting the existing Section 11 in its entirety and replacing it with the following language labelled below Final Text.**

### *Final Text*

#### **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.

**Motion C: Move that the Town vote to amend the Precedence of Motions table of Article 3 of the Natick Town Bylaws by deleting the existing table “Precedence of Motions inclusive of footnotes in its entirety and replacing it with the following language labelled below Final Text.**

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**PRECEDENCE OF MOTIONS**

<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second Required</b>	<b>Debate</b>	<b>Amend</b>	<b>Vote Required</b>
Adjourn or dissolve	Yes	No	No	Majority
Adjourn to a fixed time or recess <sup>++++</sup>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Lay on the table	Yes	Yes <sup>+</sup>	No	2/3rds
For the previous question <sup>+++</sup>	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 <sup>+</sup>	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 <sup>++</sup>
Take no action	Yes	Yes	No	Majority
Waive Mandatory Conditions Precedent +++++	Yes	Yes	No	2/3rds
Reconsideration	Yes	Yes	No	2/3rds
Take from the table	Yes	Yes <sup>+</sup>	No	Majority
Take up an article out of order	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3rds

+ 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 D: Move that the Town vote to amend Section 1 of Article 10 of the Natick Town Bylaws by deleting the existing Section 1 in its entirety and replacing it with the following language labelled below Final Text.**

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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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