



**Finance Committee
Town of Natick, Massachusetts
October 7, 2020**

**2020 Fall Annual Town Meeting
2020 Special Town Meeting #1**

Greetings to all Town Meeting Members and Citizens of Natick,

In accordance with the Town of Natick By-Laws, this letter contains the Natick Finance Committee recommendations for articles appearing on the warrants for the 2020 Fall Annual Town Meeting (FATM) and 2020 Special Town Meeting #1 (STM).

The Finance Committee met to consider the FATM and STM Warrant Articles on September 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, and 29 and October 1 and 6, 2020.

The Committee was not able to complete hearings on FATM Article 25, *Create Study Committee of Town Meeting to Conduct Review of Downtown Mixed-Use Zoning*. We had no consideration under FATM Article 6 Motion C, *AMEND ZONING BYLAWS: Parking in Downtown Mixed Use (DM) District*, as the motion was deemed out of scope by the moderator.

STM Article 19 *FY20 and FY21 COVID-19 Related Expenses of Natick Public Schools* was postponed until October 13, 2020.

There will be two Recommendation Books forthcoming: one for FATM and a separate book for STM. As a reminder, Town Meeting starts on October 20, 2020.

Our recommendations are respectfully submitted for your consideration.

Natick Finance Committee

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STM Warrant Articles Requested Appropriations

Art #	Title	Requested Appropriation	Source
1	Fiscal 2021 Omnibus Budget	\$251,093	State Aid
2	Town Meeting Funding	\$50,000	State Aid
7	Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)	\$250,000	State Aid
10	PEG Access and Cable Related Fund	\$158,185.44	PEG Access and Cable Related Fund
13A	Capital Equipment	\$1,284,627	Tax Levy Borrowing
13B	Capital Equipment	\$200,000	Water/Sewer Borrowing
13C	Capital Equipment	\$240,000	W/S Retained Earnings
13D	Capital Equipment	\$80,000	Golf Course Borrowing
14A	Capital Improvement	\$954,500	Tax Levy Borrowing
14B	Capital Improvement	\$3,930,000	Water/Sewer Borrowing
14C	Capital Improvement	\$150,000	Water/Sewer Retained Earnings
14D	Capital Improvement	\$24,984.90	Transportation Network Funds
14E	Capital Improvement	\$2,500,000	Borrowing
14F	Capital Improvement	\$700,000	I & I Stabilization Fund
14G	Capital Improvement	\$450,000	Transfers from previous borrowings
14H	Capital Improvement	\$1,328,601	Borrowing
14H	Capital Improvement	\$546,399	Transfers from previous borrowings
17	Fox Hill Drive Sewer Betterment	\$1,131,900	Borrowing; 25% from W/S Enterprise fund, 75% from Betterments
18	Town Meeting Practices and Rules Committee	\$5,000	Free Cash
19	FY20 and FY21 COVID-19 Related Expenses of Natick Public Schools	TBD	

Summary of Finance Committee Recommendations on FATM Warrant Articles

Art #	Title	Vote date	Recommendation	Quantum of Vote
1	AMEND ZONING BY-LAWS: Amendment to Zoning Map – Downtown Mixed Use (DM) District	9/17	Favorable Action	13-0-0
2	Home Rule Petition: Authorization to Issue (1) On Premises Alcoholic Beverages License for 45 East Central Street, Natick, Massachusetts	9/17	Favorable Action	11-1-0
3	AMEND ZONING BYLAWS: Setbacks in Downtown Mixed Use (DM) District	9/22	Favorable Action	8-3-0
4	AMEND ZONING BY-LAWS: Downtown Mixed-Use District: Ground Floor Residential Uses	9/22	Favorable Action	8-1-2
5	AMEND ZONING BYLAWS: Incremental Parking Schedule	9/22	Referral	11-0-0
6	AMEND ZONING BYLAWS: Parking in Downtown Mixed Use (DM) District	9/22	A: Favorable Action B: No Recommendation C: No Consideration	A: 8-3-0 B: FA 7-1-3
7	AMEND ZONING BYLAWS: Amendment to Zoning Map – Downtown Mixed Use (DM) District	9/17	Favorable Action	9-3-0
8	AMEND ZONING BYLAWS: Uses in Downtown Mixed Use (DM) District	9/22	A: Favorable Action B: Favorable Action	A: 11-0-0 B: 11-0-0
9	Sherborn Sanitary Sewer Extension (Pulte Homes) Intermunicipal Agreement -	9/29	No Action	11-0-0
10	Authorize Special Legislation Article 97 Land Disposition of a Portion of 181 West Central Street	9/10	A: No Recommendation B: No Recommendation	
11	AMEND ZONING BYLAWS: Single Family Residential Cluster Development	9/15	A: Favorable Action B: Favorable Action C: Favorable Action	A: 12-0-0 B: 12-0-0 C: 12-0-0
12	Option Overlay District ("ISLOOP") of the Town of Natick Zoning By-laws.	9/15	Favorable Action	11-0-1
13	Repeal Historical Preservation Smaller Estates Amendment	9/15	Referral	8-4-0
14	Modify Historical Preservation Bylaw Amendment	9/15	Motion A: Referral Motion B: Referral Motion C: Referral	A: 12-0-0 B: 8-4-0 C: 12-0-0
15	Plastic Straw Restriction (Town Moderator on behalf of Joseph Napurano et al)	9/8	Referral	8-0-0
16	Review and Revise the Natick Town Seal	9/8	No Recommendation	FA 7-3-0
17	To Amend Certain Provisions of Section III-I.2.2.5 of the Town of Natick Zoning By-laws	9/15	Favorable Action	10-0-2
18	Amend Home Occupation Dog Kennel Zoning	9/10	Referral	9-0-0
19	Reform of the Electoral Process	9/8	Referral	9-0-0
20	Amend Zoning By-Law to Create East Central Street Overlay District	9/17	No Action	11-2-0
21	Amend Zoning By-Laws: Downtown Mixed Use Zoning Amendment	9/22	Motions A, B, C, D: Referral	11-0-0
22	Local Option Exemption to Appoint a Police Officer	9/15	Favorable Action	12-0-0
23	Town Meeting Practices and Rules Committee (Amend ByLaws 3,23; Charter 7)	9/10	A: Favorable Action B: Favorable Action C: Favorable Action	A: 8-0-0 B: 8-0-0 C: 8-0-0
24	Town Meeting Practices and Rules Committee (Amend Fiscal Procedures, Charter 5)	9/10	Favorable Action	8-0-0

Art #	Title	Vote date	Recommendation	Quantum of Vote
25	CREATE STUDY COMMITTEE OF TOWN MEETING TO CONDUCT REVIEW OF DOWNTOWN MIXED-USE ZONING		None	
26	Committee Article	9/24	No Action	10-0-0

Summary of Finance Committee Recommendations on STM Warrant Articles

Art #	Title	Vote date	Recommendation	Quantum of Vote
1	Fiscal 2021 Omnibus Budget	10/1	A: Favorable Action B: Favorable Action	A: 10-2-1 B: 13-0-0
2	Town Meeting Funding	10/1	Favorable Action	15-0-0
3	Amend Town By-Laws: Amendment to Town By-law – Article 41A – Revolving Funds	9/29	No Action	11-0-0
4	Stabilization Fund	10/6	No Action	14-0-0
5	Operational/Rainy Day Stabilization Fund	10/6	No Action	14-0-0
6	Capital Stabilization Fund	10/6	No Action	13-0-0
7	Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Appropriation or Transfer of Funds	10/6	Favorable Action	13-0-0
8	Collective Bargaining	9/24	No Action	10-0-0
9	Personnel Board Classification and Pay Plan	10/6	No Action	13-0-0
10	PEG Access and Cable Related Fund	9/29	Favorable Action	11-0-0
11	Rescind Authorized, Unissued Debt	9/29	No Action	11-0-0
12	Unpaid Bills	10/6	No Action	13-0-0
13	Capital Equipment	9/29, 10/1	A: Favorable Action B: Favorable Action C: Favorable Action D: Favorable Action	A: 11-0-0 10/1 B: 15-0-0 C: 11-0-0 10/1 D: 15-0-0
14	Capital Improvement	9/29, 10/1	A: Favorable Action B: Favorable Action C: Favorable Action D: Favorable Action E: Favorable Action F: Favorable Action G: Favorable Action H: Favorable Action	A: 11-0-0 10/1 B: 15-0-0 C: 11-0-0 D: 11-0-0 E: 11-0-0 F: 11-0-0 G: 10-1-0 H: 11-0-0
15	Increase Gross Receipts for Eligibility for Property Tax Deferral Program	9/29	No Action	11-0-0
16	Omnibus Financial Article	9/24	Referral	10-0-0
17	Fox Hill Drive Sewer Betterment	9/24	Favorable Action	9-0-0
18	Report and Discuss Town Meeting Practices and Rules Committee	9/10	Favorable Action	8-0-0
19	FY20 and FY21 COVID-19 Related Expenses of Natick Public Schools		Postponed to 10/13	
20	Facilities Management Department (Cathi Collins et. al)	9/24	Referral	8-1-0