

**2020 Fall Annual Town Meeting  
Virtual Town Meeting  
October 27, 2020  
Second Session**

The Second Session of the 2020 Fall Annual Town Meeting was held in a virtual/remote meeting and was called to order at 7:36 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2020 by Frank Foss, Town Moderator. The Moderator declared a quorum present.

Mr. Foss presented to the Clerk the official warrant signed by the Board of Selectmen with the officer's return thereon, which has been duly posted and noticed; the Moderator's request of the Select Board, dated August 14, 2020, regarding the use of video and telephonic conferencing; and the Select Board notice to the Town of Natick that the Board voted to permit the use of video and telephonic conferencing during 2020 Fall Annual Town Meeting.

The Moderator asked if there were any recently elected or appointed members of Town Meeting stand to take the oath of office; there were none. The Moderator asked the audience to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in recognition of all the men and women serving on behalf at home and abroad.

The Moderator introduced the officials, Linda Wollschlager, Finance Committee Chair; Bruce Evans, Finance Committee Secretary; Karis North, Town Counsel; Cindy Amara, Assistant Town Counsel; Jonathan Freedman, Chairman of the Select Board; Terri Evans, Chair of the Planning Board; Jamie Errickson, Deputy Town Administrator. Also present are four Assistant Moderators: Craig Bystrynski, Carol Gloff, Patty Sciarra, and Richard Sidney.

The Moderator reviewed the virtual meeting placement. Town Meeting Members will be permitted to enter the Virtual Zoom Town Meeting and must change their Zoom icon names to indicate precinct number first, then last name followed by first name. Residents, taxpayers and interested parties will be permitted to enter the Virtual Town Meeting by calling 1-929-205-6099. The Virtual Meeting may be viewed by anyone who is not participating on Natick Pegasus Government Access Channel, RCN Channel 15 and Verizon 28 or Comcast viewers or those who wish to view on the internet may do so by going to the Natick Pegasus Government Access Channel livestreaming on [www.natickpegasus.org/government-channel.html](http://www.natickpegasus.org/government-channel.html) and click on the "livestream" designation.

The Moderator reviewed the general rules and procedures of Town Meeting. All residents and taxpayers of the town and all town officers and employees, whether or not residents, have the same right to speak as Town Meeting Members; however, they do not have the right to submit motions for consideration at Town Meeting, nor vote on any matter before Town Meeting. Non-residents may only speak at Town Meeting after approval of Town Meeting Members.

All motions offered for the consideration at Town Meeting shall be in writing and sent to the following email address: [moderator@natickma.org](mailto:moderator@natickma.org). Consistent with the Natick Bylaws, once a person is recognized, it is the practice that the Speaker will first ask a question(s) and then debate the highest-ranking motion. Only Town Meeting Members can make a motion and they should do so after they have asked their questions and before they start debate. No person shall speak more than five (5) minutes at one time without permission of Town Meeting. Registered voters residing in the Town wishing to participate in a remote town meeting should have submitted a request to participate to the Town Clerk not less than 48 hours in advance of town meeting.

Any person having a monetary or equitable interest in any matter under discussion at Town Meeting, and any person employed by another having such an interest, shall disclose the fact of her or his interest or employment before speaking on the motion.

Without objection, the preceding statements were accepted as rules of the 2020 Fall Annual Town Meeting.

Moved by Mr. Sidney, seconded by Mr. Evans, to waive reading the text of all 2020 Fall Annual Town Meeting warrant articles; and move to waive reading the text of motions, excluding

amounts to be appropriated and sources of said amounts to be appropriated, when motions are provided in the text of the Recommendations of the Natick Finance Committee publications. ***The motion passed by a majority vote (124-0-1).***

Moved by Mr. Sidney, seconded by Ms. Gloff, to postpone consideration of 2020 Fall Annual Town Meeting Articles 12 and 17 until the first order of business on Sunday, November 1, 2020. ***The motion passed by a majority vote (118-8-2).***

Moved by Mr. Griesmer, seconded by Ms. Sciarra, to advance consideration of 2020 Fall Annual Town Meeting Articles 23 and 24 to the first order of business after consideration of 2020 Special Town Meeting Articles 1, 2, 5, 7, and 19 on Thursday, October 29, 2020. Moved by Ms. Ball, seconded by Mr. Evans, to move the question and end debate on the motion. ***The motion to move the question and end debate passed by a two-thirds vote (116-3-4). The motion to advance consideration of Articles 23 and 24 passed by a two-thirds vote (115-9-1).***

Moved by Mr. Sidney, seconded by Ms. Gloff to advance consideration of 2020 Fall Annual Town Meeting Article 20 to after consideration of Article 2. ***The motion passed by a two-thirds vote (110-14-4).***

**ARTICLE 1: AMEND ZONING BYLAWS: Amendment to Zoning Map – Downtown Mixed Use (DM) District (Select Board)**

To see if the Town will vote to change the following parcel from the Residential General (RG) Zoning District to the Downtown Mixed Use (DM) Zoning District:

Assessors Map 44 Lot 180, known as 45 East Central Street, as shown on the plan on file with the Community and Economic Development Office and the Town Clerk's Office

Or otherwise act thereon.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

The Finance Committee took the following action:	RECOMMENDATION:	<b>Favorable Action</b>
	QUANTUM OF VOTE:	<b>13-0-0</b>
	DATE VOTED:	<b>September 17, 2020</b>

**MOTION: (two-thirds vote required)**

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Wollschlager, that the Town vote to amend the Town of Natick Zoning Map, as referenced in the Town of Natick Zoning Bylaw under Section II-B Location of Districts (Zones) subsection 1, by rezoning from General Residence (RG) District to Downtown Mixed Use (DM) District the following property:

Town of Natick Assessors' Map 44, Lot 180; including approximately to the center line of East Central Street to the north.

Michael J. Hickey, Jr., member of the Select Board, spoke to the article on behalf of the Board. Mr. Calivas, President of the Stonegate Group and Mr. Freas, Director of Community and Economic Development spoke to the article. Discussion ensued. ***The main motion under Article 1 passed by a two-thirds vote (122-11-2).***

**ARTICLE 2: Home Rule Petition: Authorization to Issue (1) On Premises Alcoholic Beverages License for 45 East Central Street, Natick, Massachusetts (Select Board)**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth to enact special legislation, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 17 of Chapter 138 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or any other general or special law to the contrary, authorizing the Town to issue (1) license for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises, for the property located at 45 East Central Street, Natick, Massachusetts, provided that the General Court may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition; or otherwise act thereon.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

The Finance Committee took the following action:	RECOMMENDATION:	<b>Favorable Action</b>
	QUANTUM OF VOTE:	<b>11-1-0</b>
	DATE VOTED:	<b>September 17, 2020</b>

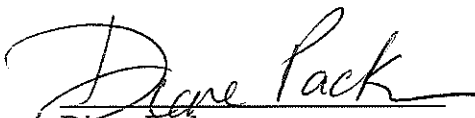
**MOTION: (requires a majority vote)**

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Ms. Wollschlager that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file a Home Rule Petition with the General Court for a special law authorizing the Town to grant an additional license for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises for the property located at 45 East Central Street, Natick. The proposed Special Act would read as follows: AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NATICK TO GRANT AN ADDITIONAL LICENSE FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES AT 45 EAST CENTRAL STREET SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, the licensing authority of the town of Natick may grant 1 additional license for the sale of alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises pursuant to section 12 of said chapter 138. (b) Said license shall be limited to the property located at 45 East Central Street, Natick. The license shall be subject to all of said chapter 138 except said section 17. (c) The licensing authority of the town of Natick shall not approve the transfer of the license granted pursuant to this act to any other location but it may grant a license to any applicant at the same location if the applicant files with the licensing authority a letter from the department of revenue and a letter from the department of unemployment assistance indicating that the license is in good standing with those departments and that all applicable taxes, fees and contributions have been paid. (d) If a license granted pursuant to this act is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use at the location of original issuance, it shall be returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the licensing authority and the licensing authority may then grant the license to a new applicant at the same location under the same conditions as specified in this act. SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage and that the Board may make modifications and changes which do not affect the substance of the Act.

Moved by Ms. Factor, seconded by Mr. Sidney, to move the question and end debate on Article 2. *The motion to move the question and end debate passed by a two-thirds vote (124-2-2). The main motion under Article 2 passed by a majority vote (129-5-0).*

Moved by Mr. Sidney, seconded by Mr. Evans to adjourn until 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 29, 2020. *The motion to adjourn passed by a majority vote (106-20-2).* Session 2 of the 2020 Fall ATM adjourned at 10:15 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27, 2020.

A record of the Second Session of  
2020 Fall Annual Town Meeting #2  
October 27, 2020

  
Diane Packer  
Town Clerk