

**WARRANT FOR  
TOWN OF NATICK  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
MARCH 28, 2023**

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Middlesex, ss

To any Constable of the Town of Natick in said County:

**GREETING:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify the qualified voters of the said Town of Natick to meet:

The voters of Precinct 1	in Kennedy Middle School
The voters of Precinct 2	in Kennedy Middle School
The voters of Precinct 3	in Kennedy Middle School
The voters of Precinct 4	in Wilson Middle School
The voters of Precinct 5	in Wilson Middle School
The voters of Precinct 6	in Lilja Elementary School
The voters of Precinct 7	in the Community Senior Center
The voters of Precinct 8	in the Morse Institute Library
The voters of Precinct 9	in the Community Senior Center
The voters of Precinct 10	in the Community Senior Center

On **TUESDAY, THE TWENTY EIGHTH DAY OF MARCH 2023** from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Annual Town Election for the candidates for the following offices:

Select Board for three years – Vote for not more than two  
 School Committee for three years – Vote for not more than two  
 Planning Board for five years – Vote for not more than one  
 Recreation & Parks Commissioner for three years – Vote for not more than two  
 Board of Assessors for three years – Vote for not more than one  
 Board of Health for three years – Vote for not more than one  
 Natick Housing Authority for five years – Vote for not more than one  
 Natick Housing Authority for three years – Vote for not more than one  
 Morse Institute Library Trustees for five years – Vote for not more than five  
 Constable for two years – Vote for not more than two

In addition: In addition: **SIXTY-NINE (69) TOWN MEETING MEMBERS**

Precinct 1 – Six for 3 years, four for 1 year (10)	Precinct 6 – Six for 3 years (6)
Precinct 2 – Six for 3 years (6)	Precinct 7 – Six for 3 years (6)
Precinct 3 – Six for 3 years (6)	Precinct 8 – Six for 3 years, one for 2 years (7)
Precinct 4 – Six for 3 years, one for 2 years (7)	Precinct 9 – Six for 3 years (6)
Precinct 5 – Six for 3 years, two for 2 years (8)	Precinct 10 – Six for 3 years, one for 2 years (7)

### Question No. 1

Shall the Town approve the Charter Amendment proposed by a vote of the Natick 2022 Fall Annual Town Meeting under Article 16, summarized below:

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Article 16 proposed to change the Natick Town Clerk position from elected to appointed. In order to accomplish this, the Natick Home Rule Charter (“Charter”) needs to be amended. First, Article 3, which set forth provisions that apply to elected officials must be amended. Specifically, Sections 3-1 and 3-5, which set forth the general listing of all elective offices (Section 3-1) and set forth specific duties regarding the elected Town Clerk (Section 3-5), would be changed. The changes would delete the Town Clerk position from the list of elected offices in Section 3-1 of the Charter, and Section 3-5 of the Charter would be deleted entirely.

Next, Article 6, which sets out the Administrative Organization of the Town, must be amended. Provisions which establish an appointed Town Clerk would be added to Article 6. New Section 6-5 would be added to the Charter which details the appointment process and qualifications of the Town Clerk, establishes the powers and duties of the Town Clerk, and specifies what happens if the Town Clerk position becomes vacant.

The proposed new language for Section 6-5 of the Charter is as follows:

#### Section 6-5 Town Clerk

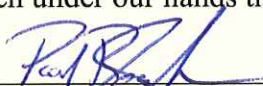
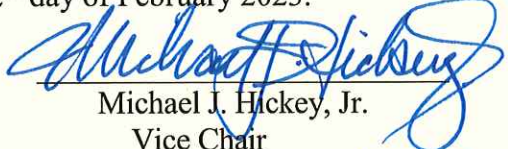

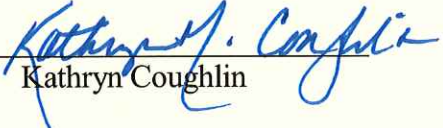
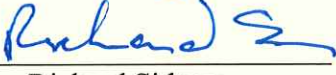
(a) Appointment and Qualifications - There shall be a town clerk appointed by the Town Administrator for a term of three years. The town clerk shall be a person especially fitted by experience, education, and training in the subject areas necessary to perform the duties of the office of town clerk. The representative Town Meeting may by bylaw (1) establish additional qualifications, powers and duties; and (2) provide for a screening committee for appointments for the position of Town Clerk

(b) Powers and Duties - The town clerk shall be the keeper of vital statistics for the town, the custodian of the town seal, shall administer the oath of office to any person, elected or appointed, who shall apply to the town clerk for such purpose, shall issue such licenses and permits as are required by general laws to be issued by town clerks, supervise and manage the conduct of all elections and matters relating to elections, be the clerk of the representative town meeting, keep its records. The town clerk shall have all other powers and duties which are given to town clerks by general laws and shall have such additional powers and duties as are provided by charter, by by-law or by other town meeting vote, or by the Town Administrator.

(c) Vacancy - If the town clerk is unable to perform the duties of the position because of disability or absence, or if the office is vacant because of resignation, death, or otherwise, the Town Administrator may appoint a temporary town clerk to hold such office and exercise the powers and perform the duties of the town clerk until the town clerk, who is disabled or absent, resumes the duties of the position, or until another town clerk is duly appointed. Said temporary appointment shall be in writing, signed by the Town Administrator and filed with the Select Board and the office of the Town Clerk.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 22<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023.

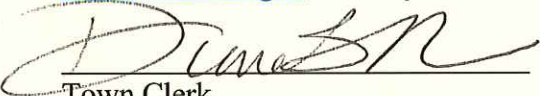
 Paul R. Joseph Chair	 Michael J. Hickey, Jr. Vice Chair	 Bruce T. Evans Clerk
 Kathryn Coughlin	 Richard Sidney	

**Select Board for the Town of Natick**

You are directed to serve this Warrant by causing an attested copy of said Warrant to be posted in Post Office in said Natick, to wit: Precinct 1: Reliable Cleaners, 214 West Central Street; Precinct 2: Cole Recreation Center, 179 Boden Lane; Precinct 3: Kennedy Middle School, Mill Street; Precinct 4: 2 Summer St.; Precinct 5: Wilson Middle School, Rutledge Road; Precinct 6: East Natick Fire Station, Rhode Island Avenue; Precinct 7: Lilja Elementary School, Bacon Street; Precinct 8: Natick High School, 15 West Street; Precinct 9: Community Senior Center, 117 East Central Street; and Precinct 10: Memorial Elementary School, 107 Eliot Street. Above locations being at least one public place in each Precinct in the Town of Natick, and also posted in the Bacon Free Library; Morse Institute Library and Natick Town Hall seven days at least before March 28, 2023.

Certified copies of the Warrant are available at the Office of the Town Clerk, Natick Town Hall, 13 East Central St., Natick, MA between the hours of 8 AM – 5 PM, Monday through Wednesday; 8 AM – 7 PM on Thursday and 8 AM – 12:30 PM on Friday, on the Town of Natick web site [www.natickma.gov](http://www.natickma.gov) and may also be viewed at [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).

Pursuant to the Town of Natick Home Rule Charter and the Town of Natick By-laws, I have caused the election warrant for the 2023 Annual Town Election and a notice of availability of said warrant to be published in the newspaper called *The MetroWest Daily News*, in the issue published in the said Town of Natick on March 7, 2023. This same warrant has been posted to the Town of Natick website [www.natickma.gov](http://www.natickma.gov) and may also be viewed at [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).

  
Town Clerk

Date: 2/23/2023

**OFFICER'S RETURN  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Natick, Middlesex

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have this day notified the qualified voters to assemble at the time, place and for the purpose within mentioned as within directed.

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CONSTABLE SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
CONSTABLE PRINTED NAME

DATE DULY POSTED \_\_\_\_\_