



Natick Finance Committee

Pursuant to Chapter 40, Section 3 of the Town of Natick By-Laws, I attest that the attached copy is the approved copy of the minutes for the following meeting:

Town of Natick Finance Committee

Meeting Date: February 13, 2018

The minutes were approved through the following action:

Motion:	Approval (as amended)
Made by:	Mr. Hayes
Seconded by:	Ms. Van Amsterdam
Vote:	7 - 0 - 0
Date:	3/20/18

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Evans

Clerk

Natick Finance Committee

NATICK FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2018

Natick Town Hall

School Committee Meeting Room 3rd Floor

This meeting has been properly posted as required by law.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dirk Coburn, Member
David Coffey, Member
Bruce Evans, Clerk
David Gallo, Member
Patrick Hayes, Chairperson
Michael Linehan, Member
Robert McCauley, Member
Jerry Pierce, Member
Philip Rooney, Member
Kristine VanAmsterdam

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Cathleen Collins, Vice-Chairman
Cathy Coughlin, Member
Jim A. Scurlock, Member
Linda Wollschlager, Member
Daniel Sullivan, Member

AGENDA:

1. Public Concerns/Comments
2. Meeting Minutes
 - a. Meeting Minutes for January 25, 2018 and February 1, 6 and 8, 2018 – Review and Approve
3. Old Business
 - a. Finance Committee and Sub-Committee Process and Scheduling
4. 2018 Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles – Public Hearing
 - a. Article 1 - Authorize Board of Selectmen to Acquire, Obtain or Relocate Easements
 - b. Article 12 - Amend By-Laws to Establish and Authorize Revolving Funds
 - c. Article 17 – Increase Personal Exemption Amounts
 - d. Article 27 – Snow Clearing on Public Ways
 - e. Article 32 – Amend Zoning By-Laws: Signage (Street Addresses)
 - f. Article 33- Amend Zoning By-Laws: Clarify Site Plan Review Process
 - g. Article 35 – Amend By-Law Regulating Use of Motion for the Previous Question
 - h. Article 38 – Limit Automatic 2.5% Increase in FY2019 Property Tax

6. Adjourn

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m. by Chairman Hayes

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CITIZENS CONCERNS:

None.

MOTION

Move to open the Natick Finance Committee 2018 Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles – Public Hearing

Moved/Motioned by:	Mr Evans
Seconded by:	Ms Van Amsterdam
Motions or Debates:	None
Vote: Carried	10-0-0

MOTION

Move to re-open the 2018 Special Town Meeting #1 Warrant Articles – Public Hearing

Moved/Motioned by:	Mr Evans
Seconded by:	Mr Coffey
Motions or Debates:	None
Vote: Carried	10-0-0

Article 17 Personal Exemption Amounts, Sponsored by the Board of Assessors

Janice M. Dangelo, Chairman of the Board of Assessors and Director of Natick Assessors Department

Request 2 ½% increase over the standard allowable exemption amounts. Funding for this comes from the Overlay Account. Each year, we request a 2 ½% increase of the year before it needs to be voted as a whole, so this year we are looking for 55% increase over the standard allowable exemption amounts. This is on-going and helps fund all of the exemptions, including seniors qualified for assets and income as well as veterans and veterans with disabilities. The background of the increase is we try to bring it up each year to help defray the increases that happen because of budgeting which usually results in a tax increase for everyone. This money is funded through the Assessor’s Overlay account and it is released through the exemption program through the assessors.

Questions

Rooney: Can you briefly explain the overlay account? Dangelo: What happens from the recap that the town completes every year, the town sets aside for abatements and exemptions. This is money that’s raised through the financial considerations and set aside this is what makes the overlay account. The amount is established each year through the recap for that fund. Through the modernization act they allowed us to comingle the exemption and abatement funds year over year into an overlay account to refund from. The assessors have the right to release from the overlay account any surplus amount when they see fit – the guidelines of the Modernization Act are somewhat

stringent when that should happen and we adhere to these regulations which allow us to release overlay surplus back to the town or the general fund.

Questions:

Mr Rooney: What is the surplus is derived from?

Ms Dangelo: When all abatements, exemptions, perceived uncollectables or any appellate tax action that may be pending in the town and once there have been successful audits and all of those things are closed it may create a surplus amount that we see fit to release back to the general fund.

Mr Pierce: Can you tell us about how many people this program helps in each category?

Ms Dangelo: So far, we have close to 300 applicants who are receiving some type of personal exemption or some type of exemption process.:

- We’ve been able to help 16 individuals into a tax deferral program;
- We continue to assist 85 qualified residents with distribution of trash bags Since this program began in 2008 we have probably issued 3336 sleeves of bags to qualified applicants.
- Discounted water bills.
- We’ve also been able to help several hardships, “clause 18 exemptions”, which are applicants that have special needs or special circumstances that might be having a tough time.
- The senior and the veteran work program currently has 42 qualified workers and if all of them are successful in completing their 125 hours they will receive \$1,375 off their taxes for their work. We currently exempt 100% on three properties from deceased fireman, police officers and a veteran who was exposed to chemicals during wartime. The elderly and disabled committee has been able to review seven applications and we have a fund of \$13,320 that is available to give some relief to these taxpayers.

As provided in the questionnaire:

Move to recommend favorable action for Article 17 that the Town vote to increase the Personal Exemption Amounts by 55.5% under the provisions of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986 as amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988 which provides for “Optional Additional Property Tax Exemptions” Allowing an annually determined, uniform increase in the amount of exemption in General Laws, Chapter 59 Section 5 Clauses 17D, 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22E, 37A, and 41C (elderly person, disabled veteran, or blind person).

MOTION

Moved/Motioned by:	Mr Coffey
Seconded by:	Mr Pierce
Motions or Debates:	Mr Coffey: It speaks for itself this is a very good program and we approve it every year for good reason. Mr Pierce: Every year I thank you very much because so many people rely on this and it’s a big help to many of them – thank you.
Vote: Carried	10-0-0

Hayes: We are hearing **Special Town Meeting #1 Article 4 and simultaneously we will hear Spring Annual Town Meeting Article 35 and that is to Amend Zoning By-Laws to Allow Indoor Amusement or Recreational Uses** – We will take Special Town

Meeting #1 Article first and vote any motions and then we will close out special town meeting #1 hearing. We will then immediately take up the Article under the Spring Annual Town Meeting – members are welcome to make any motions they want regardless of those made under the Special Town Meeting #1. The reason we’re doing this is because under the Special Town Meeting starting on February 27th this article and some others are not schedule to be heard by the Planning Board until the next night which is February 28th. Town Meeting may decide it doesn’t want to come back for a second night and this Article could end up not being heard because the Planning Board has not made a recommendation to Town Meeting. So we’re hearing these simultaneously to save time at a later date.

2018 Special Town Meeting #1 Warrant Article #4 and Spring Annual Town Meeting Article 35 Amend Zoning By-Law to allow indoor Amusement or Recreational Uses (Use #12 of Use Regulation Schedule) in Industrial Zoning Districts by Special Permit.

Sponsor and Presenter George Richards, Esq.

There was some discussion when the article was written more broadly to allow potentially these uses in all Industrial 1 zones or what is before you tonight which is a much more limited zone which is the east side of Oak Street on the East Natick Industrial Park.

Motion - Delivered to Finance Committee Chair via email on Feb 6, 2018

Motion # 3: Move to Amend Recreational Use 12 in Section III – A.2 – USE REGULATIONS SCHEDULE of the Natick Zoning By-Laws by adding an asterisk after the “O” in the Industrial One (INI) Column. So then the applicable chart Section III – A.2 – USE REGULATIONS SCHEDULE, Recreational Use 12 now reads:

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RECREATIONAL USES	RG	RM	RS	PCD	SH	AP	DM	CII	INI	INII	H
12. Indoor amusement or recreation place or place of assembly provided that the building is so insulated and maintained as to confine noise to the premises and is located not less than one hundred feet from a residential district.	O	O	O	O	A	O	(*)	A	O**	O	O

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And to add the following language at the end of Section III – A.2 – USE REGULATIONS SCHEDULE , RECREATIONAL USES after Use 17:

“**Note: Use # 12 above shall be allowed by special permit in the East Natick Industrial Park on the east side of Oak Street and being an area including ONLY the following lots (but including any further subdivision of these parcels) as shown on the Town’s Assessors Maps: Map 8, Lots 41A, 41B, 41C, 41E, 41G, 41H, 41FA, 41FB, 41FBB, 42, 42A, 42B, 42C, 42D, 42E, 42F and 43; Map 9, Lots 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 2E, 2EA, 2F, 2G,

2J, 2K, 2L, 2M, 2N, 28, 28A and 28B; Map 14, Lots 76, 76A, 77A and 77B; and Map 15, Lots 105A, 105B and 105C.”

Questions:

Mr McCauley: When it says “indoor amusement” what is the definition of that?

Mr Richards: It could be an amusement park, a race car track or an arcade.

Mr McCauley: You would still need a special permit?

Mr Richards: Yes and the Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) would have to find that the premises are so insulated as to contain the noise. In addition, they would have to be 100 feet from residential abutters, which is a much greater buffer than exists in the industrial zone. Arguably this is more protective of the residential side of the property.

Mr Coburn: There are other recreational uses going on in industrial areas – are those a variance?

Mr Richards: The other Industrial 1 zones in town are the Natick Business Park, Strathmore and Mercer Road, and the HOOP district in the industrial area off of Willow Street off of Route 27. In the Strathmore Road area, there is a Little Flipper Swim School which is permitted as a school which is allowed in the Industrial Zoning District and there’s a Planet Gymnastics and I’m not sure how these were permitted. Also, LA Fitness on Dean Road – I’m not sure how that was permitted.

Mr Coburn: How is this equal protection of property owners to have this to apply to just one limited place in town? Why here and not other places?

Mr Richards: There is nothing prohibiting this use being allowed elsewhere, but at this time, the predominant recreational uses in this town are in this area so it was decided we’d focus on this area now.

Mr Linehan: The parking issue- if this was passed and a permit for particular lot was given, would there be a parking limit on the property?

Mr Richards: It’s a 4.5 acre parcel and there certainly is plenty of room for parking.

Mr Linehan: Would they potentially put a maximum parking level on it?

Mr Richards: They would have to review a site plan and the applicant would have to come back to add more parking to the site plan.

Mr Linehan: If this was granted and 10 years from now someone tried to change this business and needed different parking would that trigger a new site plan review? Mr Richards: If they were going to propose a new site plan they would have to apply for modification of the special permit.

Mr Richards: If they were going to propose a new site plan they would have to apply for modification of the special permit.

Mr Rooney: Is there a building on the site?

Mr Richards: No. I’m asking for a change in zoning to allow a building that would accommodate 3 volley ball courts on sand. The space could be used for “beach” type activities but not a size larger than 3 volleyball courts.

MOTION

Move favorable recommendation of Article 4 Special Town Meeting #1 Motion 3 - Delivered to Finance Committee Chair via email on Feb 6, 2018 (and shown above)

Moved/Motioned by:	Mr Evans
Seconded by:	Mr Pierce
Motions or Debates:	Mr Evans: I think Mr. Richards has done his homework. He’s talked to the Community and Economic Development Director and gotten their input. While we’d love to have the Planning Board’s input the schedule does not allow. The consensus among us when we heard it last time was that out of the 4 possible motions this is far and away the best and least intrusive

	<p>way to do this so I recommend favorable action.</p> <p>Mr Pierce: I appreciate the changes you made but my biggest plus factor for this is that we have heard from neighbors who believe this is an amenity for the neighborhood and we have no opposition to the recreational use- so I think we owe it to those neighbors, they're good taxpayers and should be able to live in peace in their neighborhood.</p> <p>Mr Coburn: I like the idea of the project and I like the work that you've done and I like the idea of making this property productive but I don't think that's the policy concern though. I have some concerns about broadening the set of uses for a zoning to the point where it's almost meaningless. I think if we want to re-zone then the area should be re-zoned and we should give up the industrial zoning – if this kind of recreational use is a better suited use to that area then zone it for that kind of thing. I have equal protection concerns regarding other zones in town where other property owners might want the economic protections of being able to recruit from this growing list of uses so until I know more resolution about those questions I can't support favorable action.</p> <p>Mr Coffey: I appreciate the work you put in to this and the good presentation. Some of the concerns I have is the broad scope of some of the definitions and about what could go in here if volleyball doesn't succeed. I'm just voicing my concerns about this issue looking down the road.</p>
Vote: Carried	9-1-0

Article 35 – Amend Zoning By-Law to allow indoor Amusement or Recreational Uses

This article will be held in public hearing in concert with STM #1 Article 4's public hearing. They are the same article scope by the same sponsor with the same proposed motion. There will be two sets of motions and debate on the article with the STM motions made and voted first.

MOTION

Move to recommend favorable action on Article 35 Spring Annual Town Meeting 2018

Moved/Motioned by:	Mr Evans
Seconded by:	Mr Pierce
Motions or Debates:	None
Vote: Carried	9-1-0

Article 1: Authorize Board of Selectmen to Acquire, Obtain, Abandon or Relocate Easements

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Motion from Novus Agenda 2/13/2018

Move that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, during Fiscal Year 2019, to acquire on behalf of the Town any and all easements for any of the following purposes: roads, sidewalks, vehicular and/or pedestrian access or passage, drainage and utilities, provided however that such authorization pertains only to easements acquired at no cost to the Town; and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen, subsequent to a public hearing, during Fiscal Year 2019 to abandon or relocate easements acquired for any of the foregoing purposes.

Presenter William Chenard, Acting Town Administrator

We asked for several years to allow the Board of Selectmen to take an easement or relocate an easement provided there is no cost. If there is a cost to the easement they must go back to Town Meeting and get an approval for that. This helps the Selectmen to make actions for the benefit of the town without having to wait for Town Meeting.

MOTION

Move favorable action on Article 1 to authorize the Board of Selectmen, during Fiscal Year 2019, to acquire on behalf of the Town any and all easements for any of the following purposes: roads, sidewalks, vehicular and/or pedestrian access or passage, drainage and utilities, provided however that such authorization pertains only to easements acquired at no cost to the Town; and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen, subsequent to a public hearing, during Fiscal Year 2019 to abandon or relocate easements acquired for any of the foregoing purposes.

Moved/Motioned by:	Mr Evans
Seconded by:	Ms Van Amsterdam
Motions or Debates:	Mr Evans: This is standard procedure and allows the Selectmen the flexibility they need to make a quick decision as needed and it costs nothing. Ms Van Amsterdam: Support same. Mr Coburn: I appreciate the Acting Town Administrator having the recent history of use of this provision for our information. Mr Hayes: It's a good tool in the toolkit.
Vote: Carried	10-0-0

Article 12 To Amend the By-Laws to Establish and Authorize Revolving Funds

Final MOTION Received 02-13-18 from John Townsend

Sponsor Town Administrator

To see if the Town will vote on the limit on the total amount that may be expended from each revolving fund established pursuant to Chapter 44 section 53E ½ of the General Laws and Natick Town by-laws.

Presenter, John Townsend, Deputy Town Administrator

There has been a slight change to this Article. The Municipal Modernization Act made some changes to the statute that enables us to create revolving funds and allow the town to establish and define revolving funds through By-Laws. Spring 2017 Town Meeting established Article 41A of the By-Laws which defines and establishes this particular set

of accounts. The statute requires that Town Meeting set the limits on the spending from these revolving funds every year and that’s what this article is meant to do. The limits that are described in the motions have not changed in several years.

Questions

Mr Hayes advised that we must vote each motion separately.

Ms Van Amsterdam: In your description of the Municipal Modernization Act – did that pertain to School Committee revolving funds as well?

Mr Townsend: It did not.

Mr Chenard: It’s only revolving funds under Chapter 44 53E1/2 – so recreation and schools are exempt.

Move to recommend favorable action on Article 12 dated 2/13/2018 To Amend the By-Laws to Establish and Authorize Revolving Funds Motion A

Moved/Motioned by:	Mr Evans
Seconded by:	Mr McCauley
Motions or Debates:	None
Vote: Carried	10-0-0

Move to recommend favorable action on Article 12 dated 2/13/2018 To Amend the By-Laws to Establish and Authorize Revolving Funds Motion B

Moved/Motioned by:	Mr Evans
Seconded by:	Mr McCauley
Motions or Debates:	None
Vote: Carried	10-0-0

Move to recommend favorable action on Article 12 To Amend the By-Laws to Establish and Authorize Revolving Funds Motion C

Moved/Motioned by:	Mr Evans
Seconded by:	Mr McCauley
Motions or Debates:	None
Vote: Carried	10-0-0

Move to recommend favorable action on Article 12 dated 2/13/2018 To Amend the By-Laws to Establish and Authorize Revolving Funds Motion D

Moved/Motioned by:	Mr Evans
Seconded by:	Mr McCauley
Motions or Debates:	None
Vote: Carried	10-0-0

Move to recommend favorable action on Article 12 dated 2/13/2018 To Amend the By-Laws to Establish and Authorize Revolving Funds Motion E

Moved/Motioned by:	Mr Evans
Seconded by:	Mr McCauley
Motions or Debates:	None

Vote: Carried	10-0-0
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Move to recommend favorable action on Article 12 dated 2/13/2018 To Amend the By-Laws to Establish and Authorize Revolving Funds Motion F

Moved/Motioned by:	Mr Evans
Seconded by:	Mr McCauley
Motions or Debates:	None
Vote: Carried	10-0-0

Move to recommend favorable action on Article 12 dated 2/13/2018 To Amend the By-Laws to Establish and Authorize Revolving Funds Motion G

Moved/Motioned by:	Mr Evans
Seconded by:	Mr McCauley
Motions or Debates:	None
Vote: Carried	10-0-0

Move to recommend favorable action on Article 12 dated 2/13/2018 To Amend the By-Laws to Establish and Authorize Revolving Funds Motion H

Moved/Motioned by:	Mr Evans
Seconded by:	Mr McCauley
Motions or Debates:	None
Vote: Carried	10-0-0

Move to recommend favorable action on Article 12 dated 2/13/2018 To Amend the By-Laws to Establish and Authorize Revolving Funds Motion I

Moved/Motioned by:	Mr Evans
Seconded by:	Mr McCauley
Motions or Debates:	None
Vote: Carried	10-0-0

Move to recommend favorable action on Article 12 dated 2/13/2018 To Amend the By-Laws to Establish and Authorize Revolving Funds Motion J

Moved/Motioned by:	Mr Evans
Seconded by:	Mr McCauley
Motions or Debates:	None
Vote: Carried	10-0-0

Article 27 – Snow Clearing on Public Ways, Sponsored by Board of Selectmen

Michael J. Hickey, Member, Board of Selectmen
 Josh Ostroff
 William Chenard, Acting Town Administrator

Sponsors presented reasons for needing to clarify town policy regarding dumping snow in the public way – specifically regarding contractors plowing large amounts of snow into the street or onto sidewalks. This is a safety issue.

Mr Hayes: I put this article on tonight’s agenda in an effort to get to the smaller Spring Town Meeting Articles as early as possible – if members have an issue with the short notice please direct that only to the chair.

With respect to fines according to Mr. Chenard, the existing fine is comparable to communities similar to Natick and therefore they are not asking for any change in the fines at this time. There was some discussion regarding the definition of “a public way” and “a sidewalk” that were not agreed upon by all present. Questions from members highlighted concerns that the terminology in the proposed change would not protect citizens who are clearing their driveways from being fined for public or private plows depositing snow on the sidewalks near their driveways.

Mr. Hickey: I looked at the use of the “public way” term and it is used in a number of different ways throughout the By-Law, and “public way” more often than not in our By-Laws is used in an all-encompassing manner. There is no consistency. Public way usually includes sidewalks but sometimes is used as a distinct use from streets – the general predominant use of the term in the By-Law seems to encompass sidewalks and beyond that. If you were to come up with an agreed definition of what “public way” means throughout the By-Law you will have to amend at least a dozen sections of the By-Law.

Questions from the Public

Craig Ross, Precinct 4

Can someone clarify what is considered blocking a public way? Example: I walk to the train to go to work during the week and have to avoid piles of snow on sidewalks that are deposited by plows.

Mr Chenard: If it is a publicly accepted public way and someone plows snow onto the sidewalk blocking the public way, this By-Law would apply. We need to make the community as accessible as possible and it appears that around town it is contractors that plow snow into public ways – so I would request support for this Article.

MOTION

Move to recommend favorable action on Spring 2018 Town Meeting Article 27 to amend Article 50, Section 18, subsection b of the Town of Natick Bylaws by removing the text “after it has been plowed.”, and inserting the text “, nor deposit snow so as to impede snow removal operations, without the authority of the Town Administrator or his designee.”

Moved/Motioned by:	Mr Coburn
Seconded by:	Mr Pierce
Motions or Debates:	<p>Mr Coburn: I wish we had a culture in this town of everyone being responsible – some live up to that and some don’t – that’s why we need By-Laws like this. Enforcement is not a frequent issue but the definition around who is being accountable as well as the public way would be a good thing to include.</p> <p>Mr Pierce: Thank you for bringing this up.</p> <p>Mr Evans: One of the key variables is enforcement on this. Whenever there’s a violation on the downtown or school zone</p>

	<p>plowing maps, contractors should be notified – maybe warned first, but notifying them that they’re going to be looking at fines every time they do it in the future. There should be a reporting mechanism to DPW so it’s easy for a resident to flag it for the DPW.</p> <p>Mr McCauley: I am going to support this – it is common sense. Mr Linehan: I think the concern of people getting a little snow into the street – the clause says “not to impede” and I think most homeowners snow will not fall under that definition. I also want to applaud the member of the public who came to speak tonight because I know what he means – it’s not only people going to the train, it’s kids going to school who have to walk in the streets sometime. I support this Article.</p> <p>Mr Gallo: I support this – the town really has no control of the contractors and the property owner has a responsibility for any contractor they hire. I think this is very worthwhile and a good topic to put into the Town Administrator’s report.</p> <p>Coffey: I think we don’t have to overreach here it’s a small clause being added – the person who hires the contractor should be held responsible for his actions. Many sidewalks in town are not plowed and kids have to walk out in the street and it’s an issue that needs to be dealt with.</p> <p>Mr Rooney: I intend to support this – the fine is probably not big enough for anyone to fight it. My concern is if it did come down to legal action and the terminology we were using wasn’t going to hold up – it does deal with removal and disposition of snow so I would like more clarification on the meaning of “public way.”</p>
<p>Vote: Carried</p>	<p>10-0-0</p>

Article 32 – Amend Zoning By-Laws: Signage (Street Addresses)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Natick Zoning By-laws by modifying Section V-H (Signs and Advertising Devices) as follows:

In Section V-H, Section C (Regulations Applicable to All Areas)

Add a new subsection 7, to read

“7. Street Address Unless specifically waived by the SPGA, any standing sign shall include at the top of the sign the street number or street address in letters not less than six (6) inches high. Such area shall not count against the maximum sign size as defined elsewhere in this Bylaw.”

Renumber the current subsection 7 as subsection 8, to read

“8. Term Special permits issued under Section V-H shall have a term of not more than seven years.”

Presenter: Terri Evans, Member of Planning Board

Articles 32 and 33 are clean-up articles for small errors and omissions in the zoning by-laws. Article 32 deals with the requirement that street numbers or address be required on all standing signs as a matter of course and that the number be placed on the top of the sign. This has been a particular issue surrounding Route 9 – by capturing this in the By-

Law, it’s one less thing that has to be dealt with as a question in the permitting process. The language “unless specifically waived by the permitting authority” allows that it’s required in the first place.

Questions:

Mr Linehan: Would current non-confirming sign owners have a period of time to conform or would they be grandfathered until they change their sign.

Ms Evans: They would be grandfathered until they had to come before us for a special permit. It need not be a modification to the sign – if they come for another significant reason then as part of site plan review you consider all conditions on the site.

Mr Linehan: If a standing sign has a redesign does that require coming before the Planning Board and triggering this ...?

Ms Evans: Generally it does because signage is part of an overall general permit for a site.

Mr Hayes: The only exceptions are those that were granted by the SPGA

Ms Evans: Right because there may be exceptions where the location of the sign – something that has to do with the topography of the site – there can be – the site plan review is general part of the permitting process. So this way when it comes to us the number is there in place.

MOTION

Recommend favorable action on Article 32 as to amend the Town of Natick Zoning By-laws by modifying Section V-H (Signs and Advertising Devices) as described in the questionnaire dated 2/11/2018

Moved/Motioned by:	Mr Evans
Seconded by:	Ms Van Amsterdam
Motions or Debates:	None.
Vote: Carried	10-0-0

Article 33 – Amend Zoning By-Laws: Clarify Site Plan Review Process

Article 32 and 33 are clean up articles for small errors and omissions in the zoning by-laws.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Natick Zoning Bylaws Site Plan Review provisions for parks, trails, roads, driveways, and parking areas, by modifying Section VI-DD Section 2.B (Site Plan Review Applicability and SPGA Designation) subsection (e) as follows:

Delete the phrase “referred to in this Section VI-DD – 2” and

Update the citation of relevant sections so that Section 2.B (e) reads

“e) Where Site Plan Review is not otherwise required by the provisions of Section VI DD, in all zoning districts the construction of parks, trails, roads, driveways and parking areas shall be subject to the Site Plan Review procedure described herein to be administered by the Planning Board as the SPGA. This section VI-DD-2.B(e) shall not remove the exclusions created by Section VI-DD 2.B(c).”

Presenter: Terri Evans, Member of Planning Board

This is again a clean-up article – there was a question raised by the chair of the Finance Committee regarding the reference to driveways and whether that means that the

Planning Board will have site plan review over all driveways. That’s in the existing language but it’s referring to the appurtenant parts related to parks and trails – there is extensive language in the zoning By-Laws in section 6d 10 that gets explicit regarding residential driveway, commercial and non-residential driveway width that governs it pretty carefully. We cover it in site plan review driveways as part of the permitting process.

Questions: None.

MOTION

Recommend favorable action on Article 33 to amend the Town of Natick Zoning Bylaws Site Plan Review provisions for parks, trails, roads, driveways, and parking areas, by modifying Section VI-DD Section 2.B (Site Plan Review Applicability and SPGA Designation) subsection (e) as described in the questionnaire dated 2/11/2018

Moved/Motioned by:	Mr Evans
Seconded by:	Ms Van Amsterdam
Motions or Debates:	None
Vote: Carried	10-0-0

MOTION

Move to close the 2018 Special Town Meeting #1 Warrant Articles – Public Hearing

Moved/Motioned by:	Mr Evans
Seconded by:	Ms Van Amsterdam
Motions or Debates:	None
Vote: Carried	10-0-0

MOTION

Move to close the 2018 Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles – Public Hearing

Moved/Motioned by:	Mr Evans
Seconded by:	Ms Van Amsterdam
Motions or Debates:	None
Vote: Carried	10-0-0

OLD BUSINESS

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Minutes for January 25, 2018 and February 1, and 6, 2018

MOTION

Jerry Pierce Ineligible

Move to approve Finance Committee Meeting Minutes for January 25, 2018

Moved/Motioned by:	Mr Hayes
Seconded by:	Mr Van Amsterdam
Motions or Debates:	None
Vote: Carried	9-0-1

MOTION

Dirk Coburn, Phil Rooney, Kristine Van Amsterdam ineligible

Move to approve Finance Committee Meeting Minutes for February 1, 2018

Moved/Motioned by:	Mr Hayes
Seconded by:	Mr Pierce
Motions or Debates:	None
Vote: Carried	7-0-3

MOTION

David Gallo and Kristine Van Amsterdam ineligible

Move to approve Finance Committee Meeting Minutes for February 6, 2018

Moved/Motioned by:	Mr Hayes
Seconded by:	Mr Pierce
Motions or Debates:	None
Vote: Carried	8-0-2

SCHEDULING

Mr Hayes: The schedule for the Warrant Article hearings. The Personnel Classification Pay Plan is going to be rescheduled from Thursday night to early March because the Personnel Board has not had the meeting to approve the pay plan they want to put in front of us. There are a couple of things that may be moving around – on some dates I've scheduled the same article twice and that's because we are scheduled to meet on Thursday, March 1st. We will not meet on Tuesday February 27th. If Special Town Meeting does not dissolve on the 27th the next night will be March 1st – so if that happens March 1st agenda will get bounced and that's why I have scheduled it twice – it's a fall back plan. Article 34 may be moved from the 13th to the 15th if the sponsor chooses because Planning Board is meeting on the 14th.

ADJOURN**MOTION**

Motion to adjourn.

Moved/Motioned by:	Mr Pierce
Seconded by:	Ms Van Amsterdam
Motions or Debates:	None
Vote Carried	10-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.