

**2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting  
Fine and Performing Arts Center  
Marshall Lebowitz Town Meeting Room,  
Natick High School  
April 30, 2019, Fifth Session**

The Fifth Session of the 2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:40 by Town Moderator, Frank W. Foss, who declared a quorum present. The Moderator welcomed residents, taxpayers, town officials, Town Meeting Members and interested parties to the Second Session of 2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting. The Moderator asked that all recently elected or appointed members of Town Meeting stand to take the oath of office. 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 our behalf throughout the world.

The Moderator introduced the officials present for the meeting: Diane Packer, Town Clerk; Patrick Hayes, Finance Committee Chair; Bruce Evans, Finance Committee Secretary; Karis North and Cynthia Amara, Town Counsel, Melissa Malone, Town Administrator; and Michael Hickey, Chair, Board of Selectmen; John Townsend, Assistant Town Administrator for Finance will operate the slides and Tim Lathwood, a representative from Option Technologies, will operate the electronic voting system.

The Moderator reviewed the general rules and procedures of Town Meeting which had been accepted at a previous session of 2019 Fall ATM. He indicated that all residents and taxpayers of the town and 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 by Town Meeting Members. The proceedings of Town Meetings shall be governed by *Town Meeting Time*, the Town of Natick Home Rule Charter, the Natick By-Laws and the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

No person shall speak upon any question more than once when any other person desires to be heard, nor more than twice on the same question without permission of Town Meeting; and no person shall speak more than ten (10) minutes at one time without permission of Town Meeting. Consistent with the Natick By-Laws, any person having a monetary or equitable interest in any matter under discussion at a Town Meeting, and any person employed by another having such an interest, shall disclose the fact of his/her interest or employment before speaking thereon.

The Moderator announced that the meeting would begin with Articles 27 then 26, followed by Articles 4, 5 and 28.

**ARTICLE 27: Amend Dog Kennel Zoning (George Richards et. al.)**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Natick Zoning By-Laws as follows, including but not limited to:

1. Amend Section 200 – DEFINITIONS to establish, create, define, and/or recognize multiple methods, arrangements, and/or forms of owning, breeding, boarding, caring for, supervising, kenneling, and/or otherwise maintaining four or more dogs, three or months old, on a single premise; and
2. Amend Section III.A.2 USE REGULATIONS SCHEDULE to define i) which zoning district each new or amended definition/use is permitted and ii) whether said use is permitted by right, by special permit or prohibited; and
3. Amend any other Section of the Natick Zoning By-Law necessary to regulate these uses;

or otherwise act thereon.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

The Finance Committee heard this article however did not make a recommendation.

**MOTION: (Requires a two-thirds vote)**

Moved by Mr. Cotter seconded by Mr. Beaumont to the Town of Natick Zoning Bylaws as follows: amend the definition of “Dog Kennel” in the Town of Natick - Zoning Bylaw **Section I/Article I (Zoning Bylaw in General), Section 200 (DEFINITIONS)**, as follows:

1. Delete the following definition in its entirety:

**“Dog Kennel:** One pack or collection of dogs on a single premises, whether maintained for breeding, boarding, sale, training, hunting or other purposes and including any shop where dogs are on sale, and also including every pack or collection of more than three dogs three months old, or over, owned or kept by a person on a single premises irrespective of the purpose for which they are maintained.”

2. Add the following definitions in the appropriate order in Section 200 (DEFINITIONS):

**“Commercial Boarding or Training Dog Kennel:** An establishment, other than a Home Occupation/Customary Home Occupation Dog Kennel as defined herein, used for boarding, holding, day care, overnight stays or training of dogs that are not on the property of the owner of the establishment, at which such services are rendered in exchange for consideration and in the absence of the owner of any such dog; provided, that "commercial boarding or training kennel" shall not include an animal shelter or animal control facility, a pet shop licensed under Massachusetts General Law section 39A of chapter 129, a grooming facility operated solely for the purpose of grooming and not for overnight boarding or an individual who temporarily, and not in the normal course of business, boards or cares for dogs owned by others.”

**“Commercial Breeder Dog Kennel:** An establishment, other than a Personal Dog Kennel or Home Occupation/Customary Home Occupation Dog Kennel as defined herein, engaged in the business of breeding dogs for sale or exchange to wholesalers, brokers or pet shops in return for consideration.”

**“Home Occupation/Customary Home Occupation Dog Kennel:** A “Home Occupation/Customary Home Occupation,” compliant with that term and meaning as defined in Town of Natick - Zoning Bylaw Section I/Article I, Section 200\* except allowing partial outdoor conduct by such home occupation as necessary for proper dog care, used for boarding, holding, day care, overnight stays or training of dogs that are not the property of the owner of the establishment, at which such services are rendered in exchange for consideration and in the absence of the owner of any such dogs, or engaged in the business of breeding dogs for sale or exchange to wholesalers, brokers or pet shops in return for consideration

**“Personal Dog Kennel:** A pack or collection of more than 4 dogs, 3 months old or older, owned or kept under single ownership, for private personal use; provided, however, that breeding of personally owned dogs may take place for the purpose of improving, exhibiting or showing the breed or for use in legal sporting activity or for other personal reasons; provided further, that selling, trading, bartering or distributing such breeding from a personal kennel shall be to other breeders or individuals by private sale only and not to wholesalers, brokers or pet shops; provided further, that a personal kennel shall not sell, trade, barter or distribute a dog not bred from its personally-owned dog; and provided further, that dogs temporarily housed at a personal kennel, in conjunction with an animal shelter or rescue registered with the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, may be sold, traded, bartered or distributed if the transfer is not for profit.”

3. Add the following Sub-section to Section V Special Requirements.

**“V-A.1 ALTERNATE USES IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS:**

Except for the primary residential use of RS or RG, allowed in their respective districts; for all other uses that are either permitted, allowed by special permit, or otherwise enabled; all parking, areas of active use, play areas, communal gathering areas, and storage; whether in buildings, accessory structures, or outdoor; shall be subject to the district’s setbacks as shown in Table IV – B.”

4. Amend Town of Natick – Zoning Bylaw Section III-A.2 USE REGULATIONS SCHEDULE, OTHER USES, Use #53 Dog Kennel, as follows:

- 1) Change Use #53 from “Dog Kennel” to “Commercial Boarding or Training Dog Kennel”.
- 2) Add a new Use #53A titled “Commercial Breeder Dog Kennel”.
- 3) Add a new Use #53B titled “Home Occupation/Customary Home Occupation Dog Kennel”.
- 4) Add a new Use # 53C titled “Personal Dog Kennel”.

- 5) Change Use #53 (previously “Dog Kennel,” now “Commercial Boarding or Training Dog Kennel”) by changing the “A” to “O” in the zoning districts RG and RS columns.
- 6) Add a new use regulation table for Use #53A “Commercial Breeder Dog Kennel” to include an “A” in the zoning district CII column, and to include an “O” in all other zoning district columns except DM which shall be (\*).
- 7) Add a new use regulation table for Use #53B “Home Occupation/Customary Home Occupation Dog Kennel” to include an “A” in the zoning districts RG, RS, and CII columns and to include an “O” in all other zoning district columns except DM which shall be (\*).
- 8) Add a new use regulation table for Use #53C “Personal Dog Kennel” to include an “A” in the zoning district RG, RS, and CII columns and to include an “O” in all other zoning district columns except DM which shall be (\*).

Mr. Richards, one of the sponsors of the article spoke to this article. Ms. Evans moved, seconded by Mr. Sidney to amend the main motion to delete the proposed Section V-A.1 (Special Requirements) Alternate Uses in Residential Districts as shown in Bullet #3 of the proposed Main Motion. ***The amendment to the main motion passed by majority vote (116-4-2).***

Moved by Mr. Connolly seconded by Mr. Coburn to amend the amended main motion as follows: Delete the beginning words “Move to amend” down through “1. Delete” and insert these words move to amend the Town of Natick Zoning Bylaws as follows: “In Section I/Article I (Zoning Bylaw in General), Section 200 (Definitions), delete”; and make the following changes in the text of the Main Motion where the indicated phrases occur as shown: Change “training kennel” to “training dog kennel” (1 time) and change “personal kennel” to “personal dog kennel” (3 times).

***The amendment passed by majority vote (108-7-5).***

Moved by Mr. Beaumont, seconded by Ms. Lutin to amend the main motion the definition “Home Occupation/Customary Home Occupation Dog Kennel,” by adding to the end of the paragraph the following sentence “A Home Occupation/Customary Home Occupation Dog Kennel in a RS or RG zoning district shall have a maximum of four (4) dogs per day for which services are rendered in exchange for consideration. ***The amendment to the main motion failed (32-84-4).***

The Moderator announced that without objection, the main motion would be renumbered based on amendments which have been made. Mr. Sidney moved, seconded by Ms. Gloff to amend the amended main motion by inserting the following text at the end of the main motion:

So that the applicable chart in Town of Natick – Zoning Bylaw **Section III-A.2 USE REGULATIONS SCHEDULE, OTHER USES**, Use #53 now reads:

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OTHER USES	RG	RM	RS	PCD	SH	AP	DM	CII	INI	INII	H
53. Commercial Boarding or Training Dog Kennel	O	O	O	O	O	O	(*)	A	0	0	O
53A. Commercial Breeder Dog Kennel	O	O	O	O	O	O	(*)	A	0	0	O
53B. Home Occupation/Customary Home Occupation Dog Kennel	A	O	A	O	O	O	(*)	A	O	O	O
53C. Personal Dog Kennel	A	O	A	O	O	O	(*)	A	O	O	O

Add the following Sub-sections to Section III-D USE REGULATIONS FOR LC DISTRICTS; III-D, 2. USES ALLOWED ON SPECIAL PERMIT ONLY:

- “ h. Commercial Boarding or Training Dog Kennel;
- i. Commercial Breeder Dog Kennel.”

Moved by Mr. Forshner, seconded by Mr. Philben, to amend the amendment such that in the Other Uses chart to change 53B under RG from “A” to “O”. ***The amendment to this amendment***

*failed (12-100-2). The amendment to the main motion passed by majority vote (91-19-4).*  
Discussion continued on the article. Mr. Coburn moved, seconded by Mr. Ostroff to waive the reading of the motion. *The motion to waive the reading passed by majority vote (by hand count).*  
*The amended main motion passed by two-thirds vote (104-6-2).*

**ARTICLE 26: Amend Definition of “Dog Kennel” as Used in Zoning Bylaws  
(Saul Beaumont et. al.)**

“To see if the town will vote to amend the definition of “Dog Kennel” in the Zoning Bylaws as follows:

To consider changing (1) the definition of Dog Kennel in the Zoning Bylaw Section I (Article I), Section 200 (DEFINITIONS), and (2) changing Zoning Bylaw Section III-A-2 (USE REGULATIONS TABLE) as follows:

**1. Zoning Bylaw Section I, Article 1, Section 200 (DEFINITIONS)**

1.1 Delete the following definition:

**Dog Kennel:** One pack or collection of dogs on a single premises, whether maintained for breeding, boarding, sale, training, hunting or other purposes and including any shop where dogs are on sale, and also including every pack or collection of more than three dogs three months old, or over, owned or kept by a person on a single premises irrespective of the purpose for which they are maintained.

1.2 Add the following two definitions from MGL, Part I, Title XX, Chapter 140, Section 136A:

**Personal Dog Kennel:** A pack or collection of more than 4 dogs, 3 months old or older, owned or kept under single ownership, for private personal use; provided, however, that breeding of personally owned dogs may take place for the purpose of improving, exhibiting or showing the breed or for use in legal sporting activity or for other personal reasons; provided further, that selling, trading, bartering or distributing such breeding from a personal kennel shall be to other breeders or individuals by private sale only and not to wholesalers, brokers or pet shops; provided further, that a personal kennel shall not sell, trade, barter or distribute a dog not bred from its personally-owned dog; and provided further, that dogs temporarily housed at a personal kennel, in conjunction with an animal shelter or rescue registered with the department, may be sold, traded, bartered or distributed if the transfer is not for profit.

**Commercial Dog Kennel:** "Commercial boarding or training kennel", an establishment used for boarding, holding, day care, overnight stays or training of animals that are not the property of the owner of the establishment, at which such services are rendered in exchange for consideration and in the absence of the owner of any such animal; provided, however, that "commercial boarding or training kennel" shall not include an animal shelter or animal control facility, a pet shop licensed under section 39A of chapter 129, a grooming facility operated solely for the purpose of grooming and not for overnight boarding or an individual who temporarily, and not in the normal course of business, boards or cares for animals owned by others.

**2. Zoning Bylaw Section III-A.2 (USE REGULATIONS SCHEDULE), OTHER USES**

**2.1 Use 53 Dog Kennel – Make the following changes to reflect the new definitions:**

- (a) Change the title from Dog Kennel to Personal Dog Kennel
- (b) For CII, change from A to O
- (c) Add use 53A Commercial Dog Kennel
- (d) The regulation schedule in 53A is the same as 53 except that for RG and RS, change from A to O

or take any other action with respect thereto."

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

The Finance Committee heard this article however did not make a recommendation.

**MOTION:**

Moved by Mr. Beaumont, seconded by Mr. Sidney that no action be taken on the subject matter of Article 26. *The motion to take no action passed by majority vote (99-4-2).*

**ARTICLE 4: Personnel Board Classification and Pay Plan (Town Administrator)**

To see if the Town, pursuant to the authority contained in Section 108A of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, will vote to amend the by-laws by adding to Article 24, Section 3, a new paragraph deleting certain position titles, adding new position titles and effecting changes in the salary ranges as presently established; or otherwise act thereon.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

ARTICLE 4	DATE VOTED	MOTION	QUANTUM OF VOTE
	April 4, 2019	Favorable Action	9-0-0

**MOTION: (Requires a Majority Vote)**

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hayes Move that the Town vote to amend the By-Laws by changing in its entirety the table entitled Classification and Pay Plan that is incorporated by reference into Article 24, Section 3, Paragraph 3.10. The new Classification and Pay Plan is as follows:

Town of Natick  
Classification and Pay Plan  
Effective July 1, 2019

Grade	Minimum	Point 1	Point 2	Maximum
6	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 140,000.00	\$ 155,000.00	\$ 165,000.00
5	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 145,000.00
4	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 105,000.00	\$ 125,000.00
3	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 72,000.00	\$ 85,000.00	\$ 105,000.00
2	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 62,500.00	\$ 80,000.00
1	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 54,000.00	\$ 60,000.00

**GRADE 6**  
Chief of Police  
Deputy Town Administrator/Director of Finance  
Deputy Town Administrator/Operations  
Fire Chief  
Town Administrator

**GRADE 5**  
Comptroller  
Deputy Chief of Police  
Director of Community & Economic Development  
Director of Community Services  
Director of Facilities Management/Strategic Capital Partnerships  
Director of Human Resources/Labor Relations  
Director of Information Technology  
Director of Public Works

**GRADE 4**  
Assistant Comptroller  
Building Commissioner  
Director of Assessing  
Director of Council on Aging  
Director of Public Health  
Director of Recreation & Parks  
Morse Library Director  
Treasurer/Collector

**GRADE 3**  
Assistant Assessor (certified)  
Assistant Director Council on Aging  
Assistant Director Recreation & Parks  
Assistant Library Director, Morse Library  
Assistant Treasurer/Collector  
Bacon Free Library Director  
Benefits Manager  
Communications/Information Officer  
Director of Recreation Programs/Special Events  
Environmental Health Agent  
Executive Director, Farm  
Facility Maintenance Manager  
Golf Course Manager  
Housing/General Planner

**GRADE 3 Continued**  
Information Systems Data Base Administrator  
Information Systems Network Administrator  
Local Building Inspector (certified)  
Planner/Conservation Agent  
Prevention and Outreach Program Manager  
Procurement Manager  
Project Manager  
Public Health Nurse  
Regulatory Compliance Coordinator  
Senior Environmental Health Specialist  
Senior Planner  
Staff Accountant  
Sustainability Coordinator  
Veterans Agent

**GRADE 2**  
Assistant Assessor (non-certified)  
Assistant Director, Bacon Free Library  
Assistant Director, Farm  
Assistant Director Internal Operations  
Clinical Social Worker  
Data Analyst  
Executive Assistant  
Facility Custodial Supervisor  
Golf Course Superintendent  
Human Resources Coordinator  
Payroll Manager  
Sanitarian  
Senior Executive Assistant  
Social Worker  
Social Worker Coordinator  
Special Assistant to Director of Community Services  
Special Assistant to Director of Facilities Management  
Special Assistant to Director of Finance  
Special Needs Coordinator  
System Specialist Administrative

**GRADE 1**  
Animal Control Officer  
Finance Coordinator  
Golf Professional  
Meter Enforcement Officer  
Outreach Coordinator  
Program Manager Volunteer Services  
Student Officer  
Teen Center Coordinator

Town of Natick  
Part-Time Classification and Pay Plan  
Effective July 1, 2019

**Hourly Wage Scale**

Grade	Minimum	Point 1	Point 2
1	\$ 11.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 17.00
2	\$ 14.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 27.00
3	\$ 24.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 37.00

Grade 1	Grade 2	
Assistant Leader (Rec)	Administrative Support	Ad
Assistant Swim Coach	Assistant Director (Rec)	Bu
Attendant (Rec)	Beach Manager	Ce
Building Monitor I (Rec)	Bookkeeper	Ins
Bus Dispatcher	Building Monitor II (Rec)	Lal
Bus Driver	Camp Director	Nu
Cart Attendant (Golf)	Community Garden Coordinator	Vc
Clerical Assistant	Conservation Agent	
Club House Attendant (Golf)	Election Warden	
Club House Supervisor (Golf)	Golf Course Mechanic	
Concession Manager	Head Lifeguard	
Custodian	Instructor II	
Deputy Animal Control Officer	Intern Cooperative	
Election Clerk	Laborer II	
Election Inspector	Library Assistant (Bacon)	
Equipment Operator (Golf)	Meter Enforcement Operator	
Instructor	Plumbing and Wiring Inspector	
Laborer I	Police Matron	
Leader/Counselor (Rec)	Police Transcriber	
Library Page (Morse)	Program Assistant	
Lifeguard	Program Supervisor (Rec)	
Parking Clerk	Recycling Attendant	
Ranger/Starter (Golf)	School Crossing Guard	
Receptionist	Social Worker	
School Crossing Guard (1st Year)	Swim Coach	
Senior Counselor (Certified-Rec)	Transportation Coordinator	
Specialist (Rec)	Volunteer Coordinator I	
Timer/Scorer		

Position	Annual Rate
Inspector of Animals	\$ 3,750.00
Registrar of Voters	\$ 966.00
Town Meeting Page	\$50.00 / Session

Mr. Levinsky, Chair of the Personnel Board spoke to this article. *The main motion under Article 4 passed unanimously (97-0-0).*

**ARTICLE 5: Collective Bargaining (Town Administrator)**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, the funds necessary to implement the Terms of Agreements reached between the Town and the following collective bargaining units:

- a) Deputy Fire Chiefs’ Association, Local 1707 – Deputy Fire Chiefs
- b) International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO, Local 1707 - Firefighters
- c) New England Benevolent Association, AFL-CIO, Local 82 – Superior Officers
- d) Natick Patrol Officers Association - Patrol
- e) New England Police Benevolent Association, Inc. Local 182 - Dispatchers
- f) Massachusetts Laborer’s Council Local 1116 Supervisors’ & Administrators’ Association - DPW Sup. & Admin.
- g) Massachusetts Laborer’s Council Local 1116 - DPW Laborers

- h) Maintenance and Custodians Local 1116 of the Laborers International Union, AFL-CIO – Facilities Maintenance
- i) Public Employees Local Union 1116 of the Laborers’ International Union of North America - Clerical
- j) Public Employees Local Union 1116 of the Laborers International Union of North America, AFL-CIO – Library

Or otherwise act thereon.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

ARTICLE 5	DATE VOTED	MOTION	QUANTUM OF VOTE
	April 4, 2019	Favorable Action	9-0-0

**MOTION: (Requires a Majority Vote)**

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hayes that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$720,000 to implement the terms of the FY2016-FY2018 collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Natick and The Natick Patrol Officers’ Association, said funds to be added to the FY 2019 Police Department Personnel Services budget; said sum of \$720,000 to be transferred from the Board of Selectmen’s FY 2019 budget Selectmen CBA Settlements.

Moved by Mr. Freedman, seconded by Mr. Gath to amend the main motion by deleting in the first and fourth lines, after the phrase “sum of” the amount “\$720,000” and inserting the amount of \$778,643 in its place and inserting after the phrase “The Natick Patrol Officers Association” the following text: “and the terms of the FY 2019 to FY 2021 collective bargaining agreement reached between the Town of Natick and the Natick Patrol Officers’ Association;”

Ms. Malone, Town Administrator spoke to this article including the main motion and the amendment. *The amendment passed by majority vote (92-0-1) and the amended main motion under Article 5 passed by majority vote (93-0-1).*

**ARTICLE 28: Establish Study Committee: Town of Natick Land Area (Julian Munnich et al.)**

To see whether the Town will vote to establish a study committee of Town Meeting, appointed by the Moderator, to address, research, study, analyze, and recommend action regarding: The true gross land area of the Town and its makeup by statutory, regulatory, and ownership components; including but not limited to the total land area zoned for residential, commercial or industrial use as pertains to MGL c.40B §§ 20-23, 760 CMR 56 and/or related guidelines issued by DHCD or any office of the Commonwealth or established in any legal proceeding; and, without limitation:

- 1) To establish the number and/or qualifications of committee members to be appointed;
- 2) To establish the charge of said committee including, but not limited to:
  - o Identify any and all components of the calculation and all individual parcels or acreage owned by the United States; the Commonwealth; or any political subdivision thereof; the Department of Conservation and Recreation or any state public authority; or where all residential, commercial, and industrial development has been prohibited by deed, decree, zoning or restrictive order of the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to M.G.L. c. 131, § 40A; or is dedicated to conservation or open space whether under control or ownership by trusts, corporations, partnerships, private parties, or otherwise; or is contained in the Subsidized Housing Inventory; and the size of all bodies of water located within Natick;
  - o Gather any other information necessary to analyze, evaluate, and calculate the Town’s position relative to sites potentially comprising one and one half per cent or more of the total land area zoned for residential, commercial, or industrial use.
  - o Identify and recommend any zoning changes or other actions that might strengthen or improve the Town’s position relative to meeting or exceeding any statutory or regulatory tests and criteria;
  - o Report its findings and recommendations to 2020 Spring Annual Town Meeting or such other date as Town Meeting shall establish provided, however, that this shall not preclude any preliminary or earlier report(s) to Town boards, committees, commissions, or to Town Meeting;

- 3) To authorize said committee to develop a database of properties to be included in and/or excluded from either the numerator or the denominator of any statutory calculation;
- 4) To provide that said committee shall have access to Town Counsel and to Town staff, including but not limited to the Community and Economic Development, DPW (GIS), and Finance (Assessors) divisions and may utilize the services of outside consultants;
- 5) To provide for a method to engage any such outside consultant or other vendor including, without limitation, a reserve fund transfer by the Finance Committee;
- 6) To see what sum of money the Town will appropriate to accomplish the purpose of said committee;
- 7) To set the term of said study committee to expire upon the dissolution of 2020 Spring Annual Town Meeting or such other date as Town Meeting shall establish unless otherwise extended by Town Meeting;
- 8) Said committee, being a multiple member body under the Town Charter, is authorized to sponsor warrant articles for any Annual or Special Town Meeting Warrant;

or otherwise act thereon.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

ARTICLE 28	DATE VOTED	MOTION	QUANTUM OF VOTE
		Favorable Action	9-0-0

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

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Hayes to establish a study committee of Town Meeting, appointed by the Moderator, to address, research, study, analyze, and recommend action regarding: The true gross land area of the Town and its makeup by statutory, regulatory, and ownership components; including but not limited to the total land area zoned for residential, commercial or industrial use as pertains to MGL c.40B §§ 20-23, 760 CMR 56 and/or related guidelines issued by DHCD or any office of the Commonwealth or established in any legal proceeding; and, without limitation:

To establish the number of committee members as five (5);

To establish the charge of said committee including, but not limited to:

- o Identify any and all components of the calculation and all individual parcels or acreage owned by the United States; the Commonwealth; or any political subdivision thereof; the Department of Conservation and Recreation or any state public authority; or where all residential, commercial, and industrial development has been prohibited by deed, decree, zoning or restrictive order of the Department of Environmental Protection pursuant to M.G.L. c. 131, § 40A; or is dedicated to conservation or open space whether under control or ownership by trusts, corporations, partnerships, private parties, or otherwise; or is contained in the Subsidized Housing Inventory; and the size of all bodies of water located within Natick;
- o Gather any other information necessary to analyze, evaluate, and calculate the Town’s position relative to sites potentially comprising one and one half per cent or more of the total land area zoned for residential, commercial, or industrial use.
- o Identify and recommend any zoning changes or other actions that might strengthen or improve the Town’s position relative to meeting or exceeding any statutory or regulatory tests and criteria;
- o Report its findings and recommendations to 2020 Spring Annual Town Meeting or such other date as Town Meeting shall establish provided, however, that this shall not preclude any preliminary or earlier report(s) to Town boards, committees, commissions, or to Town Meeting;

To authorize said committee to develop a database of properties to be included in and/or excluded from either the numerator or the denominator of any statutory calculation

To provide that said committee shall have access to Town Counsel and to Town staff, including but not limited to the Community and Economic Development, DPW (GIS), and Finance (Assessors) divisions and may utilize the services of outside consultants;

To provide for a method to engage any such outside consultant or other vendor including, without limitation, a reserve fund transfer by the Finance Committee, under the direction of the Study Committee

To appropriate the sum of \$5,000 from Free Cash to accomplish the purpose of said committee;

To set the term of said study committee to expire upon the dissolution of 2020 Spring Annual Town Meeting, unless otherwise extended by Town Meeting;

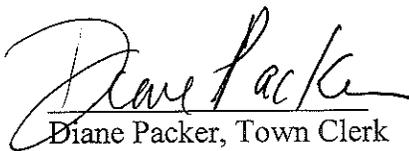
Said committee, being a multiple member body under the Town Charter, is authorized to sponsor warrant articles for any Annual or Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Moved by Mr. Ostroff, seconded by Mr. Freedman to take no action on the subject matter of Article 28. Discussion ensued on both motions. The Moderator declared that Town Meeting will vote the main motion first. ***The main motion under Article 28 failed (31-53-4). The motion to take no action on the subject matter of Article 28 passed by majority vote (by hand count).***

The Moderator recognized the staff who help to make sure Town Meeting runs smoothly including the Town Clerk's office, Pegasus, the custodian staff and the pages.

Moved by Mr. Sidney, seconded by Mr. Ostroff to dissolve the 2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting ***The motion to dissolve passed by majority vote. 2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting dissolved at 11:15 PM on Tuesday, April 30, 2019.***

A record of the Fifth Session of  
2019 Spring Annual Town Meeting  
April 30, 2019

  
Diane Packer, Town Clerk