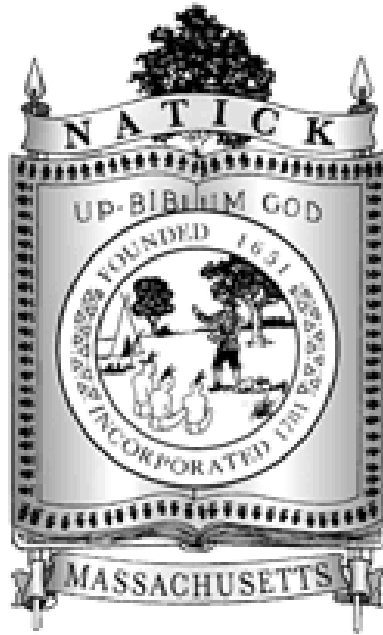


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## *2011 Fall Town Meeting*



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## **Recommendations of the Natick Finance Committee**

October 14, 2011



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Tuesday, October 18th  
7:30 PM  
Wilson Middle School**

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## Finance Committee *Town of Natick, Massachusetts*

October 14, 2011

Greetings to all Town Meeting Members and Citizens of Natick,

This report is an addendum to the Natick Finance Committee Recommendation Book that was previously submitted for articles appearing on the 2011 Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant. It is intended to be read in conjunction with the information contained in that Recommendation Book.

Town Meeting members may be aware that at the Finance Committee public hearing on October 4, Town Administration advised the Finance Committee that it would request the Committee to reconsider Article 2 (“Authorization to Consolidate General Government and School Department Functions”). Since that topic was not on the Finance Committee agenda for that evening, the Committee was not able to take up this matter. Accordingly, another Finance Committee public hearing was held October 11, 2011.

During that public hearing, the Finance Committee voted unanimously to reconsider Articles 2 and 6 (“Stabilization Fund – Operating/Rainy Day”). These Articles are discussed in the Town Administrator’s Budget Message that appears on the following pages, and the substance and outcome of the Finance Committee’s public hearing, as well as the Finance Committee’s recommendations, is also contained in this Addendum.

With respect to Article 2, it is important to note that Town Meeting’s actions are constrained by the provisions of the Natick Home Rule Charter. These provisions are outlined in the Finance Committee discussion of Article 2, and the Finance Committee would like to thank the Town Counsel and Town Moderator for their input on this matter.

Information relating to the Finance Committee may be found on the Town’s public website, at [http://natickma.gov/Public\\_Documents/NatickMA\\_BComm/finance](http://natickma.gov/Public_Documents/NatickMA_BComm/finance). Feedback and comments may be submitted to the Finance Committee via email at [FinCon@natickma.org](mailto:FinCon@natickma.org), or by mail addressed to the Natick Finance Committee, 13 East Central Street, Natick MA 01760.

Thank you for your support.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan H. Freedman  
Chairman

James Brown

John Ciccariello

Cathi Collins

Cathleen Coughlin

Bruce Evans

Jim Everett, Secretary

Bruce Gorton

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## **Town Administrator's Budget Message & Update**



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*Martha L. White*  
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*Michael Walters Young*  
*Deputy Town Administrator*

**UPDATE TO**  
**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT TO THE 2011 FALL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

This memorandum supplements information provided in the Finance Committee Recommendation Book, previously distributed to Town Meeting Members.

Specifically, as indicated in the Recommendation Book under discussion of Article 2, the Finance Committee met on October 11 to discuss possible reconsideration of Articles 2, 4 and 6. Note that no reconsideration of Article 4 was needed or requested.

**Article 2**

Article 2 pertains to the Authorization to Consolidate General Government and School Department Functions. At the Finance Committee meeting of October 11, I was afforded an opportunity to explain the position of Town Counsel (outlined in his opinion letter included in the Recommendation Book) that, per the terms of the Town Charter, the only motion that can be made under Article 2 is a positive main motion, for example, "I move that the Town vote to consolidate General Government and School Department facility management functions" and that the proposal put forth by the Town Administrator cannot be amended on the floor of Town Meeting. The terms of the Charter and the scope of Article 2 are quite restrictive with respect to proposals to reorganize government, and do not provide much flexibility with respect to who can present a proposal (only the Town Administrator) and how that proposal might be amended prior to presentation to Town Meeting (only based on information received or developed at the Selectmen/Town Administrator's public hearing, which was held without continuance on September 27).

On October 6 the School Administration presented a proposal to me for the consolidation of general government and school facility management functions that is similar to the proposal put forward by my office, but with enough differences that discussion and negotiation are required to reach agreement on a final plan for consolidation. Per the terms of the Charter, the School Administration's proposal cannot be put forward for Town Meeting's consideration.

On October 7, this School Administration proposal was reviewed by the Facility Management Study Committee, which comprises members of the Board of Selectmen and

School Committee, the Superintendent and myself; the committee was also optimistic that a mutually acceptable plan can be developed with further discussion. Further, the Superintendent and I stated at the Finance Committee's October 11 meeting that we are confident that we will reach agreement and present a proposal for consolidation of these services at the April 2012 Spring Annual Town Meeting.

Accordingly, I asked the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen to reject the Town Administrator's proposal under Article 2 to consolidate General Government and School Department facility management functions; both boards have voted this recommendation.

At this time, I recommend that Town Meeting vote to reject the motion for favorable action under Article 2.

### **Article 6**

At their meeting of October 11, I also asked the Finance Committee to reconsider Article 6 given that the town was recently notified that it would be receiving \$233,044 in additional Local Aid. We propose that this amount (in addition to the \$93,500 already recommended) be appropriated into the Operational/Rainy Day Stabilization Fund. Thus, the total recommendation under Article 6 is \$326,544.

An updated Revenue/Expenditure Summary reflecting this change is attached.

Thank you for your review and consideration of these updates.

# General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Summary

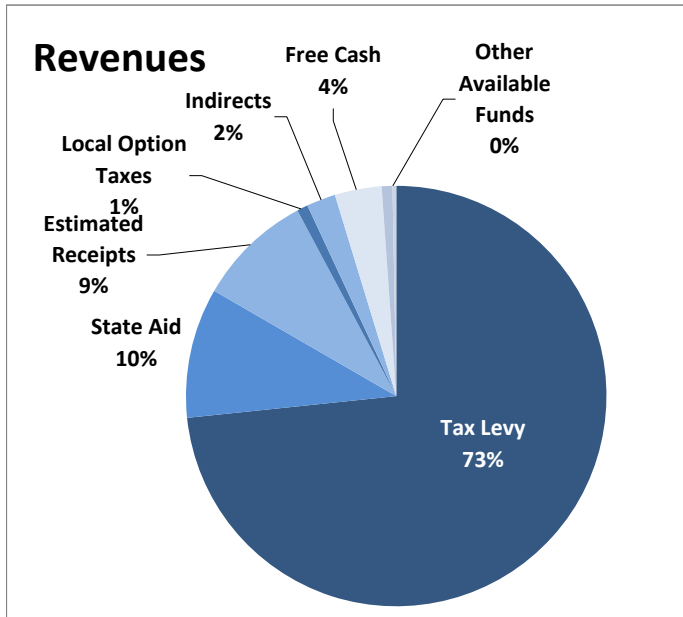
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General Fund Revenues	2010	2011	2012	2012	2011 vs. 2012	
	Actual	Appropriated	Spring ATM	Fall ATM	\$	%
Tax Levy	\$ 77,024,748	\$ 79,645,196	\$ 83,863,523	\$ 85,980,482	6,335,286	7.95%
<b>State Aid</b>	\$ 10,619,913	\$ 11,711,879	\$ 11,463,924	<b>\$ 11,742,471</b>	30,592	0.26%
Estimated Receipts	\$ 10,524,325	\$ 9,433,900	\$ 10,328,690	\$ 10,388,690	954,790	10.12%
Local Option Taxes	\$ 307,913	\$ 750,000	\$ 750,000	\$ 1,000,000	250,000	33.33%
Other Local Receipts					0	#DIV/0!
Indirects	\$ 2,506,416	\$ 2,449,757	\$ 2,535,883	\$ 2,535,883	86,126	3.52%
Free Cash	\$ 2,147,380	\$ 3,425,336	\$ 4,294,322	\$ 4,294,322	868,986	25.37%
Stabilization Fund	\$ 950,751	\$ 98,550	\$ -	\$ -	-98,550	-100.00%
Overlay Surplus	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	1,000,000	#DIV/0!
Other Available Funds	\$ 210,851	\$ 190,851	\$ 190,851	\$ 281,532	90,681	47.51%
<b>Total General Fund Revenues</b>	<b>105,292,298</b>	<b>107,705,469</b>	<b>114,427,193</b>	<b>117,223,379</b>	<b>9,517,910</b>	<b>8.84%</b>
<b>General Fund Expenses</b>						
Education & Learning						
Natick Public Schools	\$ 41,769,099	\$ 44,382,816	\$ 46,406,138	\$ 46,406,138	2,023,322	4.56%
Keefe Tech	\$ 1,283,158	\$ 1,469,598	\$ 1,396,865	\$ 1,396,865	-72,733	-4.95%
Morse Institute Library	\$ 1,699,158	\$ 1,736,557	\$ 1,848,818	\$ 1,848,818	112,261	6.46%
Bacon Free Library	\$ 115,846	\$ 105,805	\$ 118,827	\$ 118,827	13,022	12.31%
Public Safety	\$ 11,512,969	\$ 12,162,386	\$ 12,863,170	\$ 12,877,286	714,900	5.88%
Public Works	\$ 7,228,240	\$ 7,299,755	\$ 7,608,410	\$ 7,653,410	353,655	4.84%
Health & Human Services	\$ 1,492,356	\$ 1,562,874	\$ 1,684,513	\$ 1,733,513	170,639	10.92%
Administrative Support Services	\$ 3,818,589	\$ 4,103,132	\$ 4,395,885	\$ 4,458,885	355,752	8.67%
Committees	\$ 26,438	\$ 25,010	\$ 25,510	\$ 25,510	500	2.00%
Shared Expenses						
Fringe Benefits	\$ 13,660,686	\$ 14,790,439	\$ 15,269,212	\$ 15,076,350	285,911	1.93%
Prop & Liab. Insurance	\$ 431,162	\$ 496,150	\$ 520,958	\$ 520,958	24,808	5.00%
Retirement	\$ 5,243,247	\$ 5,472,935	\$ 5,717,032	\$ 5,717,032	244,097	4.46%
Debt Services	\$ 6,723,610	\$ 7,017,319	\$ 8,782,355	\$ 10,989,995	3,972,676	56.61%
Reserve Fund	\$ -	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	0	0.00%
<b>General Fund Oper. Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 95,004,559</b>	<b>\$ 101,024,776</b>	<b>\$ 107,037,693</b>	<b>\$ 109,223,586</b>	<b>8,198,810</b>	<b>8.12%</b>
Capital Improvements	\$ 300,940	\$ 543,120	\$ 712,560	\$ 712,560	169,440	31.2%
School Bus Transportation	\$ 311,186	\$ 320,522	\$ 330,137	\$ 330,137	9,616	3.0%
State & County Assessments	\$ 1,540,299	\$ 1,355,425	\$ 1,351,044	\$ 1,360,929	5,504	0.4%
Cherry Sheet Offsets	\$ 56,369	\$ 134,949	\$ 131,434	\$ 155,298	20,349	15.1%
Tax Title	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	0	0.0%
Snow Removal Supplement	\$ 749,655	\$ 448,991	\$ 758,919	\$ 758,919	309,928	69.0%
Overlay	\$ 1,321,477	\$ 1,112,323	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 1,100,000	-12,323	-1.1%
Golf Course Deficit	\$ 355,000	\$ 334,500	\$ 320,000	\$ 320,000	-14,500	-4.3%
General Stabilization Fund	\$ 800,000	\$ 1,634,439	\$ -	\$ -	-1,634,439	-100.0%
<b>Operational Stabilization Fund</b> <sup>1</sup>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 529,934	<b>\$ 856,478</b>	856,478	#DIV/0!
Capital Stabilization Fund	\$ -	\$ 307,913	\$ 1,437,440	\$ 1,687,440	1,379,527	448.0%
FLSA Settlement	\$ 950,751	\$ 315,000	\$ 593,032	\$ 593,032	278,032	88.3%
Misc. Articles	\$ 10,000	\$ 85,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	15,000	17.6%
Non-Union Adjustments	\$ -	\$ 63,512	\$ -	\$ -	-63,512	-100.0%
<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 101,425,235</b>	<b>\$ 107,705,469</b>	<b>\$ 114,427,193</b>	<b>\$ 117,223,379</b>	<b>9,517,910</b>	<b>8.84%</b>
<b>Net Excess / (Deficit)</b>	<b>3,867,062</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		

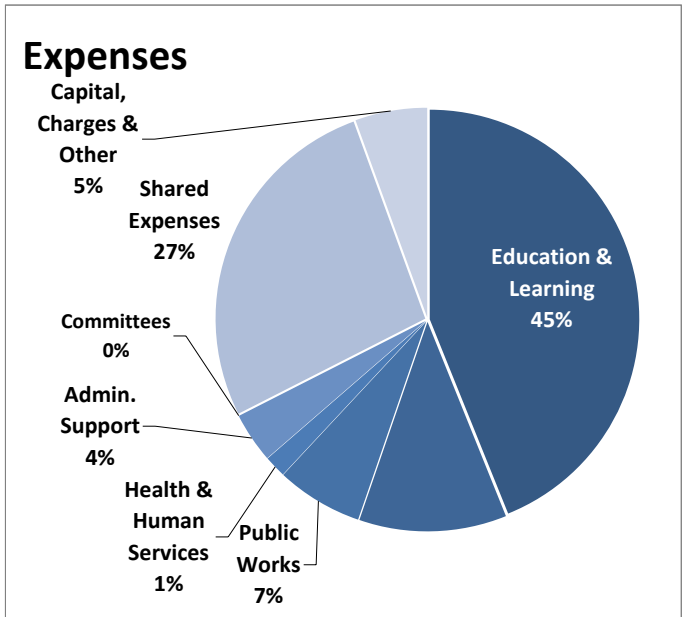
<sup>1</sup> Proposed change to appropriation under Article 6 is \$233,044 higher than original recommendation

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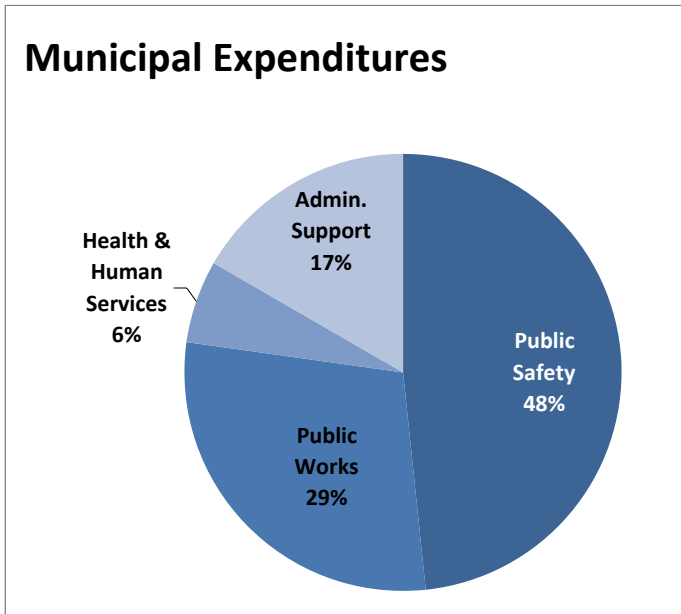
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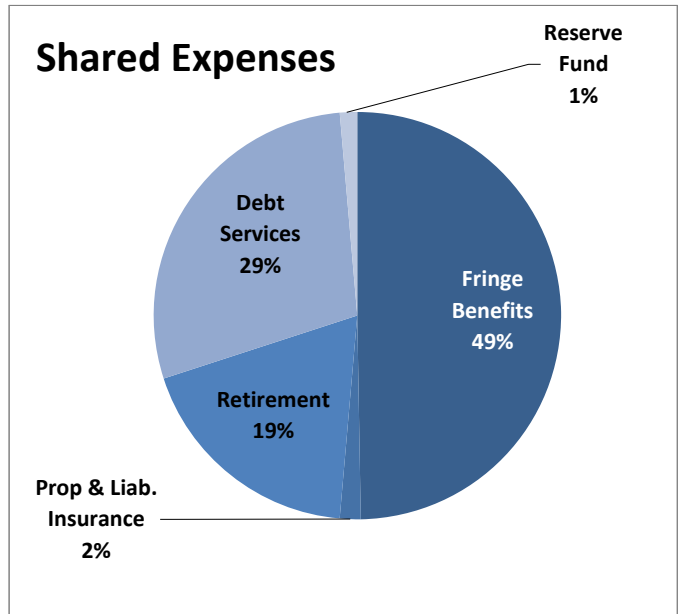
General Fund Expenditures - FY 2012



Municipal Expenditures - FY 2012



Shared Expenditures - FY 2012



# General Fund Revenue/Expenditure Changes

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<u>Item</u>	<u>2011 Spring ATM</u>	<u>2011 Fall ATM</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Reason</u>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Tax Levy	\$ 83,863,523	\$ 85,980,482	\$ 2,116,959	Additional Tax for issuance of H.S. & C.S.C. projects
<b>State Aid</b>	\$ 11,463,924	\$ <b>11,742,471</b>	\$ <b>278,547</b>	<b>Incl Supplemental State Aid</b>
Local Receipts	\$ 10,328,690	\$ 10,388,690	\$ 60,000	Add'l Revenues Reflective of Actual Permit fees
Local Option Taxes	\$ 750,000	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 250,000	Estimate Increased as per 2011 Actual
Other Revenues ( Receipts Reserved)	\$ 190,851	\$ 281,532	\$ 90,681	
<b>Change in Revenues</b>			<b>\$ 2,796,187</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>				
<b>Article 4: FY 2012 Omnibus Budget</b>				
<b>New Positions</b>				
- Temporary Division head of Building Maintenance	\$ -	\$ 45,000	\$ 45,000	Hiring of new division head for 6 mon. (1/1 start)
- Director of Community Services	\$ -	\$ 57,500	\$ 57,500	Hiring of new Dir. Of CS for 6 mon. (1/1 start)
<b>Budget Adjustments</b>				
Fire Dept. Adjustment	\$ 6,857,577	\$ 6,857,577	\$ -	TBD
Fire Chief	\$ 110,884	\$ 125,000	\$ 14,116	Accounts for Action of Board of selectmen
Recreation Dept.	\$ 560,572	\$ 552,072	\$ (8,500)	Net Reduction for hires within the department due to new Dept. of Comm. Serv. Plus additional money for union elimination.
Town Clerk	\$ 65,000	\$ 68,000	\$ 3,000	Proper accounting for vote of 2011 SATM, Town Clerk Salary
Community Development Part-Time Inspectors	\$ 41,725	\$ 101,725	\$ 60,000	Reflects misbudgeting for FY 2012 to account for proper amount for inspectors.
Benefit Change	\$ 15,269,212	\$ 15,076,350	\$ (192,862)	
<i>Plan Adds</i>		\$ 10,389		<i>Benefit costs for 2 people for remainder of FY 2012</i>
<i>Police Settlement Reduction</i>		\$ (13,818)		<i>Result of Police Settlement (not accounted for at Spring ATM)</i>
<i>Safety Net Reductions</i>		\$ (189,433)		<i>Result of FY 2011 Actual utilization</i>
Debt Change				
<i>Principal</i>	\$ 5,638,585	\$ 7,592,269	\$ 1,953,684	<i>Costs associated with principal on excluded debt</i>
<i>Interest</i>	\$ 3,103,770	\$ 3,357,726	\$ 253,956	<i>Costs associated with interest on excluded debt</i>
<b>Article 6: Rainy Day Stabilization Fund Appropriation</b>				
	\$ 529,934	\$ <b>856,478</b>	\$ <b>326,544</b>	
<b>Non-Town Meeting Adjustments</b>				
Adjust Cap. Stab. Fund Placeholder	\$ 1,437,440	\$ 1,687,440	\$ 250,000	
State & County Assessments	\$ 1,351,044	\$ 1,360,929	\$ 9,885	
Cherry Sheet Offsets	\$ 131,434	\$ 155,298	\$ 23,864	
<b>Changes in Expenses</b>			<b>\$ 2,796,187</b>	
<b>Difference</b>			<b>\$ (0)</b>	



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## Summary of Recommendations (Revised 10/13/2011)

Article #	Article	Finance Committee Recommendation	Board of Selectmen Recommendation	Planning Board Recommendation
1	Authorization to Reorganize Certain Town Departments	Favorable Action 8-3-0	Favorable Action 5-0-0	No Action Taken
2	Authorization to Consolidate General Government and School Department Functions	Rejection 13-0-0	Rejection 5-0-0	No Action Taken
3	Personnel Board Pay Plan	Favorable Action 11-0-0	Favorable Action with modifications 5-0-0	No Action Taken
4	Fiscal 2012 Omnibus Budget	Favorable Action 11-0-0	Favorable Action 5-0-0	No Action Taken
5	Stabilization Fund	No Action 11-0-0	No Action 5-0-0	No Action Taken
6	Stabilization Fund – Operating/Rainy Day	Favorable Action 13-0-0	Favorable Action 4-1-0	No Action Taken
7	Stabilization Fund – Capital	Favorable Action 11-0-0	Favorable Action (\$1,172,071) 5-0-0	No Action Taken
8	Establishment of Trust Fund to Fund OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits) Obligations	Favorable Action 11-0-0	Favorable Action 5-0-0	No Action Taken
9	Capital Equipment	Favorable Action 12-0-0	Favorable Action 5-0-0	No Action Taken
10	Capital Improvement	Favorable Action 11-0-0 & 10-0-2	Favorable Action 5-0-0	No Action Taken
11	Rescind authorized, unissued debt	No Action 11-0-0	No Action 5-0-0	No Action Taken
12	Unpaid Bills	No Action 12-0-0	No Action 5-0-0	No Action Taken
13	Home Rule Petition: Authorization to Lease 27-53 South Avenue for a term not to Exceed 99 Years	Favorable Action 13-0-0	Favorable Action 5-0-0	Favorable Action 5-0-0



**Summary of Recommendations (Revised 10/13/2011)**

<b>Article #</b>	<b>Article</b>	<b>Finance Committee Recommendation</b>	<b>Board of Selectmen Recommendation</b>	<b>Planning Board Recommendation</b>
14	Home Rule Petition: Authorization to Lease 20 Middlesex Avenue for a term not to Exceed 99 Years	Favorable Action 13-0-0	Favorable Action 5-0-0	Favorable Action 5-0-0
15	Home Rule Petition: Increase Membership of Town Forest Committee from 3 to 5	Favorable Action 13-0-0	Favorable Action 5-0-0	No Action Taken
16	Natick 360 Progress Report	Favorable Action 13-0-0	Favorable Action 5-0-0	Favorable Action 5-0-0
17	Authorization for Selectmen to Accept/Obtain Utility Easements	Favorable Action 12-0-0	Favorable Action 5-0-0	No Action Taken
18	Home Rule Petition: Authorization to Issue (3) Off Premises Beer & Wine Licenses	Favorable Action 9-1-1	Favorable Action 5-0-0	No Action Taken
19	Street Acceptance: Main Street	No Action 12-0-0	No Action 5-0-0	No Action Taken
20	Amend Charter: Appointment of Town Meeting Members	Favorable Action 13-0-0	Favorable Action 5-0-0	No Action Taken
21	Amend Charter Section 2-3: Re-Precincting Requirement	Refer to Sponsor 8-5-0	Favorable Action 5-0-0	No Action Taken
22	Amend Charter Section 5-6: Action on Town Administrator Preliminary Budget	Favorable Action 12-0-0	Favorable Action 5-0-0	No Action Taken
23	Amend Zoning By-Law: Outdoor Advertising	No Action 12-0-0	No Action 5-0-0	No Action 5-0-0
24	Dissolution of Town's Human Services Department	Refer to Sponsor 9-1-1	Indefinite Postponement 3-2-0	No Action Taken





# Recommendations of the Finance Committee



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**ARTICLE 2**  
**Authorization to Consolidate General Government and School Department Functions**  
**(Town Administrator)**

**ARTICLE:**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the consolidation of general government and school department facility maintenance and management functions pursuant to MGL Chapter 71, section 37M; further to authorize the Town Administrator, pursuant to Article 6 of the Natick Home Rule Charter, to reorganize the Town Department of Public Works, or otherwise act thereon.

**PURPOSE OF ARTICLE:**

The purpose of this article is to authorize the consolidation of general government and the school department facility maintenance and management functions.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**By a vote of 13-0-0 on October 11, 2011, the Finance Committee recommends Rejection of the Town Administrator's Proposal.**

*During the Finance Committee's public hearing on October 11, 2011, the Committee heard testimony from the Town Administrator, the Natick Public Schools Superintendent, and members of the public including the Town Moderator. During the hearing, the following information was noted:*

- Finance Committee members were reminded that at its meeting on October 4, 2011, the Town Administrator advised the Finance Committee that it would request the Finance Committee to reconsider Article 2. Since that topic was not on the Finance Committee agenda for that evening, the Committee was not able to take up this matter, and a subsequent Finance Committee meeting was scheduled for October 11, 2011. At its meeting on October 11, the Finance Committee voted unanimously to reconsider its previous recommendation on Article 2.
- The Town Administrator referred Finance Committee members to a memorandum from Town Counsel (a copy of which appears on pages 24-25 of the Finance Committee Recommendation Book previously provided) in which Town Counsel outlined his opinion that based on the provisions of the Town's Charter, the only votes Town Meeting could take with respect to Article 2 would be to approve or reject such a proposal. The Town Administrator further advised Finance Committee members of Town Counsel's opinion that only a positive main motion could be put forward, and that motions to amend, modify or alter such plan, or to refer or indefinitely postpone the matter were not permitted.
- Town Administration requested that the Finance Committee consider a recommendation for rejection of the proposal. Finance Committee members were informed by both Town and School Administrations that considerable progress on the potential consolidation of

town and school facilities management functions had been achieved since this matter was discussed at the Finance Committee's previous public hearing on September 27, 2011. Finance Committee members were further informed by the Town Administrator that the specific proposal previously discussed at the public hearings was no longer under consideration.

- Finance Committee members heard the outlines of a proposal developed by the School Administration, and were informed by both the Town and School Administrations that they felt confident a new proposal could be ready for presentation at the April 2012 Town Meeting. The School Administration supports the Town Administrator's request for rejection of the proposal under Article 2.
- Finance Committee members also heard from the Town Moderator that Article 6 of the Natick Home Rule Charter narrowed Town Meeting's options on this Article to approving or rejecting the Town Administrator's proposal. The Moderator explained that the proposal by the Town Administrator had been vetted during a public hearing consistent with the Board of Selectmen's authority, and once the proposal moved out of that hearing, together with all the information which had been derived from that hearing process, the plan was "set in stone." Although the proposal could be amended based on the hearing process, it could not be amended by another party which might come up with an alternative idea. For this reason, information or alternative proposals developed outside of the Selectmen's public hearing was beyond the scope of what was originally proposed under the Town Administrator's plan. As a result, the Moderator suggested that the Finance Committee's actions with respect to Article 2 were similarly limited to recommending approval or rejection of the Town Administrator's plan.
- At its meeting on October 11, the Board of Selectmen also unanimously voted to reject the Town Administrator's proposal.

#### **MOTION:**

Move that the Town, pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 37M of the Massachusetts General Laws, vote to consolidate general government and school department facility maintenance and management functions, and to authorize the Town Administrator to negotiate on behalf of the Town of Natick an agreement for such consolidation with the Natick School Committee, such agreement to be subject to the approval of the Natick Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town of Natick, and subject to the approval of the Natick School Committee; and further, that the Town, pursuant to Article 6, Section 6-1 (b) of the Natick Home Rule Charter, vote to approve the plan of reorganization of the Town Department of Public Works submitted by the Town Administrator.

**ARTICLE 6**  
**Operational/Rainy Day Stabilization Fund (Town Administrator)**

**ARTICLE:**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from available funds for the purpose of supplementing the Operational Stabilization Fund established by vote of the 2011 Spring Annual Town Meeting under Article 4, as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5B of the General Laws, as amended, or otherwise act thereon.

**PURPOSE OF ARTICLE:**

This is a recurring article, included on every Fall Annual Town Meeting warrant, in the event that there is a proposal to appropriate funds into the Operational/Rainy Day Stabilization Fund.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

**By a vote of 13-0-0 on October 11, 2011, the Finance Committee recommends Favorable Action with regard to the subject of Article 6.**

*During the Finance Committee public hearing on October 11, 2011, the following information was noted:*

- The Town Administrator informed the Finance Committee that Natick will be receiving \$233,044 in additional state aid, and is proposing that the entire amount be appropriated into the Operational Stabilization Fund. Based on this information, the Finance Committee unanimously voted to reconsider its previous recommendation of favorable action in the amount of \$93,500.
- Combined with the \$93,500 that was previously recommended to be appropriated to this Fund, the total appropriation proposed under this Article is now \$326,544.
- An updated Revenue/Expenditure Summary is included in the Town Administrator's Budget Message at the beginning of this Addendum.
- If appropriated by Town Meeting, the balance of the Operational Stabilization Fund will be \$856,478.
- At its meeting on October 11, 2011, the Board of Selectmen voted to support Article 6.

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

Move that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$326,544 for the purpose of supplementing the Operational Stabilization Fund established under Article 4 of the warrant for the Spring Annual Town Meeting of 2011, as authorized by Chapter 40, section 5B of the General Laws; and that to meet this appropriation, the sum of \$326,544 shall be raised from the Tax Levy.



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**IMPORTANT TOWN BUSINESS**