

**WARRANT
FALL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 2015**

THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE 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 required to notify the qualified Town Meeting Members of the said Town of Natick to meet in the Natick High School, Natick on **Tuesday Evening October 20, 2015 at 7:30 PM**, then and there to act on the following Articles:

- Article 1 Rescind Authorized, Unissued Debt
- Article 2 Fiscal 2016 Omnibus Budget
- Article 3 Stabilization Fund
- Article 4 Operational/Rainy Day Stabilization Fund
- Article 5 Capital Stabilization Fund
- Article 6 Inflow & Infiltration Stabilization Fund
- Article 7 One-to-One Technology Stabilization Fund
- Article 8 Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Fund
- Article 9 Capital Equipment
- Article 10 Capital Improvement
- Article 11 Collective Bargaining
- Article 12 Establish Charter and By-Law Review Committee
- Article 13 Reduce Property Tax Deferral Program Interest Rate
- Article 14 Increase Gross Receipts for Eligibility for Property Tax Deferral Program
- Article 15 Amend By-Law Article 50 Section 16 (Animal Control)
- Article 16 Personnel Board Classification and Pay Plan
- Article 17 Elected Officials' Salary
- Article 18 Amend Prior Town Meeting Vote Regarding MathWorks Mitigation Funds (Route 27 Design)
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- Article 22 Hear Report, Propose Action(s) and Appropriate Funds for Sawin House Study Committee
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- Conservation Fund Study Committee
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- Article 27 Appropriate Funds for Route 30/Speen Street Intersection Design
- Article 28 Establish Tax Title Collection Revolving Fund
- Article 29 Appropriate Funds for Comprehensive Master Plan
- Article 30 Appropriate Local Option Taxes Toward Economic Development
- Article 31 Transfer of Land to Conservation Commission
- Article 32 Appoint Tiny House Study Committee
- Article 33 Appropriate Funds for Sewage Disposal System for Affordable Home
- Article 34 Restrict Use of Middlesex Path as Dog Park
- Article 35 Thomas Sawin Homestead Preservation

ARTICLE 1
Rescind Authorized, Unissued Debt
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the authorization for unissued debt that has been determined is no longer needed for the completion of various projects; or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 2
Fiscal 2016 Omnibus Budget
(Town Administrator)

To determine what sum or sums of money the Town will appropriate and raise, or transfer from available funds, for the operation of the government of the Town of Natick, including debt and interest, during Fiscal Year 2016 (July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016) and to provide for a reserve fund for Fiscal Year 2016, and to see what budgets for Fiscal Year 2016 will be reduced to offset said additional appropriations, or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 3
Stabilization Fund
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from available funds for the purpose of supplementing the stabilization fund established under Article 22 of the warrant for Annual Town Meeting of 1961, as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5B of the General Laws, as amended; or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 4
Operational/Rainy Day Stabilization Fund
(Town Administrator)

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.

ARTICLE 5
Capital Stabilization Fund
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from available funds for the purpose of supplementing the Capital Stabilization Fund established under Article 2 of the warrant for Fall Annual Town Meeting of 2010, as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5B of the General Laws, as amended, or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 6
Inflow & Infiltration Stabilization Fund
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from available funds for the purpose of supplementing the Inflow & Infiltration Stabilization Fund established under Article 30 of the warrant for the Spring Annual Town Meeting of 2014, as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5B of the General Laws, as amended, or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 7
One-to-One Technology Stabilization Fund
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from available funds for the purpose of supplementing the One-to-One Technology Stabilization Fund established under Article 31 of the warrant for the Spring Annual Town Meeting of 2014, as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5B of the General Laws, as amended, or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 8
Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Fund
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from available funds for the purpose of funding the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund authorized by vote of the 2011 Fall Annual Town Meeting under Article 8 pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 32B, Section 20 of the General Laws, as amended, or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 9
Capital Equipment
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise, or otherwise provide, a sum of money as may be required for capital equipment for the various departments of the Town of Natick; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 10
Capital Improvement
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and raise, or otherwise provide, a sum of money to implement a Capital Improvement Program, to protect the physical infrastructure of the Town of Natick; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or to otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 11
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) Massachusetts Laborers' District Council Public Employees Local Union 1116 of the Laborers International Union of North America – Clerical Employees
- b) Massachusetts Laborers' District Council Public Employees Local Union 1116 of the Laborers International Union of North America – Public Works' Department
- c) Massachusetts Laborers' District Council Public Employees Local Union 1116 of the Laborers International Union of North America – AFL CIO Library Employees
- d) Massachusetts Laborers' District Council Public Employees Local Union 1116 of the Laborers International Union AFL CIO – Facility Management Employees
- e) Supervisors and Administrators Association (DPW)
- f) The Natick Patrol Officers' Association

- g) New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 82, IUPA, AFL CIO
 - h) New England Police Benevolent Association, Inc. Local 182, Dispatchers
 - i) Local 1707 International Association of Firefighters, AFL CIO
 - j) The Deputy Fire Chiefs Association
- Or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 12
Establish Charter and By-Law Review Committee
(Town Moderator)

To see if the Town will vote to establish a special committee, The Charter and By-Laws Review Committee (CBRC), consistent with The Natick Home Rule Charter, Article 7, Section 7-6. In addition to the authorization of and charge for said committee, the Town may include in the CBRC charge authorization to review and suggest modifications to The Natick Town Meeting Member Handbook, Revision; or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 13
Reduce Property Tax Deferral Program Interest Rate
(Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41A of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended by Chapter 136, Section 1 of the Acts and Resolves of 2005, to determine a lower rate of interest than the current adopted rate of 4.5% per annum currently provided by law applicable to the payment of real estate taxes upon the sale or transfer of real property, which real estate taxes have been deferred pursuant to a tax deferral and recovery agreement between the Natick Board of Assessors and the owner(s) of the subject property; or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 14
Increase Gross Receipts for Eligibility for Property Tax Deferral Program
(Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to increase the gross receipts that seniors may have in the prior calendar year to be eligible to defer property taxes under G.L. c. 59§ 5, Clause 41A from \$40,000 to \$56,000, with such increase to be effective for deferrals granted for taxes assessed for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2016.

ARTICLE 15
Amend By-Law Article 50 Section 16 (Animal Control)
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Natick By-Law, specifically Article 50, Section 16 therein, as follows:

1. At the end of Section 16.6 add the following words: "The process for regulating dangerous or nuisance dogs shall comply with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 140, §157."

2. Change the schedule of fines within Section 16.7 to read as follows:

First offense	\$ 50.00
Second offense	\$ 75.00
Third and subsequent offenses	\$100.00
Unrestrained dog found on school or park property	\$100.00
Dog unlicensed	\$100.00
Dog unvaccinated for rabies	\$300.00

Or otherwise act thereon

ARTICLE 16
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.

ARTICLE 17
Elected Officials' Salary
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the Town of Natick for Fiscal Year 2016 (July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016) as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended; or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 18
Amend Prior Town Meeting Vote Regarding MathWorks Mitigation
Funds (Route 27 Design)
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 23 of the 2013 Spring Annual Town Meeting, which vote appropriated MathWorks mitigation funding in the amounts of \$380,000 and \$68,000 for signalization and turning lane improvements at Route 27/Bacon Street, such that said funds may instead be used for Route 27 design and associated costs; or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 19
Amend Prior Town Meeting Vote Regarding MathWorks Mitigation
Funds (Affordable Housing)
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 23 of the 2013 Spring Annual Town Meeting, which vote appropriated MathWorks mitigation funding in the amount of \$240,000 for creation of affordable housing at 165 North Main Street, such that the remaining balance of said funds (\$237,125) may instead be used for creation of affordable housing within the Town of Natick; or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 20
Endorse Board of Health Initiative Regarding Regulations to Reduce the
Use of Plastic Bags
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to endorse the Board of Health's initiative to promulgate and endorse reasonable regulations to reduce the use of plastic bags in the Town of Natick, or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 21
Home Rule Petition Authorizing the Town to Assess Fines for Failure to
Remove Utility Poles
(Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court to enact legislation in substantially the following form, provided that the General Court may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition.

“AN ACT authorizing the town of Natick to assess fines
for failure to relocate or remove utility poles and wires

*Be it enacted in the Senate and house of Representatives in General
Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:*

SECTION 1. For purposes of this act, a “utility company” shall mean a company, department or other entity that distributes and/or supplies electricity, telephone, telegraph, gas, communication, cable television services, and/or other utilities, and shall include the owner of utility wires, cables, attachments, and poles used for such purposes.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of M.G.L. c. 164, § 22, M.G.L. c. 164, § 34B, M.G.L. c. 166, § 22A, or any other general or special law to

the contrary, the town of Natick shall have the authority to assess fines to any utility company which fails to relocate utility wires, cables and attachments which it is responsible or otherwise required or authorized to relocate to an adjacent or nearby pole within twenty-one (21) days of the date on which said relocation is practical as defined in this act, in an amount not to exceed the sum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per location per day after the twenty-first (21st) day, and one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per location per day after the sixtieth (60th) day.

SECTION 3. For purposes of this act, the relocation of a utility wire, cable or attachment is practical in circumstances in which the wire, cable or attachment is the highest mounted wire, cable or attachment on a pole, a replacement pole or conduit has been installed at a nearby location, no lighting or other fixture impedes the relocation, and any permits, grants of location or other approvals necessary for such relocation have been provided.

SECTION 4. Notwithstanding the provisions of M.G.L. c. 164, § 34B, or any other general or special law to the contrary, the town of Natick shall have the authority to assess fines to any utility company which fails to remove a utility pole which it is responsible or otherwise required or authorized to remove as part of a relocation within ninety (90) days of the date on which said relocation is practical as defined in this act, in an amount not to exceed the sum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per location per day after the twenty-first (21st) day, and one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per location per day after the sixtieth (60th) day.

SECTION 5. For purposes of this act, removal of a utility pole is practical in circumstances in which all wires, cables and attachments have been removed from the pole and/or relocated to one (1) or more adjacent utility poles or locations, and any permits, grants of location or other approvals necessary for such relocation have been provided.

SECTION 6. Notwithstanding the provisions of M.G.L. c. 164, § 34B, or any other general or special law to the contrary, the town of Natick shall have the authority to assess fines to any utility company which fails to initiate the installation of a new utility pole which it is responsible or otherwise required or authorized to install within ninety (90) days of the date on which said installation is requested or ordered by the town as defined in this act, in an amount not to exceed the sum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) per location per day after the ninetieth (90th) day, and one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per location per day after the one hundred and twentieth (120th) day.

SECTION 7. For purposes of this act, installation of a new utility pole is practical in circumstances where the company responsible for installing a pole has been formally requested or ordered to do so by the town of Natick

or its authorized representative for reasons of compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board, other applicable state or federal law or regulation, the requirements of a roadway project, or compliance with town of Natick policy, and for which any permits, grants of location or other approvals necessary for such installation have been provided.

SECTION 8. Notwithstanding the provisions of M.G.L. c. 164, § 22, M.G.L. c. 164, § 34B, or any other general or special law to the contrary, the town of Natick shall have the authority to assess fines to any utility company which fails to remove or fully secure a utility wire, cable or attachment under its ownership or authority that has been disconnected from a customer location and which remains attached to a utility pole or an adjoining fixture within twenty one (21) days of the date on service has been discontinued, in an amount not to exceed the sum of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) per location per day after the twenty-first day, and one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per location per day after the sixtieth day.

SECTION 9. For purposes of this act, removal or securing of a utility wire, cable or attachment is practical in circumstances in which the service has been discontinued from a customer location, and the wire, cable or attachment has been disconnected from the customer location, and remains attached to, but is not fully secured to a utility pole or fixtures attached thereto.

SECTION 10. A utility company may request an exemption from provisions of this act, which may be granted only following a duly posted public meeting of the Natick board of selectmen, who shall have sole authority to grant such exemption.

SECTION 11. Fines that are collected in accordance with this act shall be issued by the Natick board of selectmen or their designee, and shall deposited in the town of Natick general fund, or in a fund lawfully established for the improvement of public ways. The issuance of a fine shall not preclude the town of Natick from seeking or obtaining any or all other legal and equitable remedies to prevent or remove a violation of this act. The fines set forth herein may be annually revised by the Natick board of selectmen.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”

or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 22

**Hear Report, Propose Action(s) and Appropriate Funds for Sawin House
Study Committee
(Sawin House Study Committee)**

To see what action the Town will take

- a.) To hear and accept the report and recommendation of the Sawin House Study Committee created under Article 15 of Fall 2014 Town Meeting and Article 36 of Spring 2015 Annual Town Meeting, and/or
- b.) To take action relative to said report, including but not limited to,
 - 1.) Memorializing the Sawin House site,
 - 2.) Dismantle the Sawin House,
 - 3.) Preservation of the Sawin House on its current site,
 - 4.) Removal and/or relocation of the Sawin House from its current site, and/or
 - 5.) Act consistent with any recommendation of the report, whether approved by the majority or minority committee members, and/or
- c.) To determine and appropriate or approve borrowing of a sum of money for approved action hereunder,

Or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 23

Hear Report, Extend Term and Appropriate Funds for Conservation Fund Study Committee (Conservation Fund Study Committee)

To see what action(s) the Town will take:

- a) to hear and accept the report and recommendations of the Conservation Commission Fund Study Committee created under Article 20 of Fall 2014 Town Meeting and/or
- b) to extend the term and/or revise the charge of said committee and/or
- c) to determine and to appropriate a sum of money for the study purposes of the committee including but not limited to retention of outside professionals as appropriate

Or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 24

Create New Fund and Transfer Funds (Conservation Fund Study Committee)

To see if the Town will vote:

A) to create a newly designated fund, stabilization fund, special purpose stabilization fund and/or other appropriate fund and/or to transfer FAR Bonus funds and related interest and other income to such fund and/or to determine the amount(s) to be so transferred and/or appropriated

and/or

B) to see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide including without limitation to replace funds expended from Conservation Commission funds and/or FAR Bonus funds and/or interest income foregone

Or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 25
Committee Article
(Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to receive the reports of town officers, boards, and committees; or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 26
Home Rule Petition: Shade Trees on Unaccepted Roads
(Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court to enact legislation in substantially the following form, provided that the General Court may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition.

“AN ACT authorizing the town of Natick to establish regulations, policies and funding for trimming, cutting, maintenance or removal of shade trees on unaccepted ways.

Be it enacted in the Senate and house of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of M.G.L. c. 87, or any other general or special law to the contrary, the town of Natick, acting by its board of selectmen, shall have the authority to set forth regulations and policies regarding the trimming, cutting, maintenance and/or removal of shade trees on unaccepted ways for purposes of public safety, health, and/or welfare, and to obtain such insurance as is necessary for the administration of said regulations and policies.

SECTION 2. The town of Natick shall have the authority to assess and collect fees from property owners on unaccepted ways upon whose land the trimming,

cutting, maintenance or removal of shade trees is performed by or on behalf of the town of Natick, in accordance with regulations and policies set forth as provided herein, and to deposit said fees in a fund established for this purpose. If any such fees remain unpaid when the assessors are preparing a real estate tax list and warrant to be committed under section fifty-three of chapter fifty-nine, the board of selectmen shall certify such charge or fee to the assessors, who shall forthwith add such charge or fee to the tax on the property to which it relates and commit it with their warrant to the collector of taxes as part of such tax. If the property to which such charge or fee relates is tax exempt, such charge or fee shall be committed as the tax.”

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.”

Or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 27

Appropriate Funds for Route 30/Speen Street Intersection Design (Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$12,600 from Free Cash for design work associated with Route 30/Speen Street intersection improvements, said amount having been paid to the Town of Natick by the Town of Framingham for Natick's release of easements on behalf of the Town of Framingham; or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 28

Establish Tax Title Collection Revolving Fund (Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, to establish a Tax Title Collection Revolving Fund in order to utilize monies received from fees, charges and costs collected upon the redemption of tax titles and sales of real property acquired through foreclosures of tax titles to pay for expenses associated with a tax taking or tax title foreclosure, including but not limited to, fees and costs of recording or filing documents and instruments, searching and examining titles, mailing, publishing or advertising notices or documents, petitioning the land court, serving court filings and documents and paying legal fees; to authorize the Treasurer/Collector, under the supervision of the Deputy Town Administrator/ Finance Director, to expend money from such revolving fund; and to limit the total amount which may be expended from such fund up to and including \$100,000 during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015; or to otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 29

Appropriate Funds for Comprehensive Master Plan (Planning Board and Board of Selectmen)

To see what sum the town will appropriate and raise, or otherwise provide for the procurement of professional services to develop a Comprehensive Master Plan consistent with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 41, Section 81D; or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 30
Appropriate Local Option Taxes Toward Economic Development
(Town Administrator)

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate from Local Option Taxes for the purpose of investment in economic development and related planning; or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 31
Transfer of Land to Conservation Commission
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Board of Selectmen to the Conservation Commission the care, custody, management and control a portion of the property occupied by the Natick Community-Senior Center, said property shown on a plan titled "Plan of Land in the Town of Natick", Mass., Owned by: Inhabitants of the Town of Natick, dated August 20, 2015, Survey by Sullivan Surveying Company LLC, 209 West Central Street, Natick, Mass." said plan on file with the Town Clerk; or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 32
Appoint Tiny House Study Committee
(Affordable Housing Trust Fund and Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to direct the Moderator to appoint a committee, to be known as the Tiny House Study Committee.

Purposes of the Committee:

- 1) To define Tiny Houses and specify their characteristics (e.g., maximum footprint, maximum number of occupants, fixed foundation vs trailer, utility connections, etc.)
- 2) To define the characteristics of appropriate areas within the Town for the siting of Tiny Houses, both individually and in small groupings.
- 3) To study the use of Tiny Houses as an affordable housing option for veterans

4) To collect current statistics on homelessness and under-housing in Natick, including specific reference to veterans.

4) To examine zoning options, including amendments to the Zoning By-Laws, which would permit the construction of Tiny Houses at appropriate locations within the Town

Composition:

The Committee shall consist of seven (7) members, with one representative each from the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Veterans Services, a Town Meeting Member and two members at large.

Deliverables:

The Committee shall submit and make available its report, both in print and on-line, prior to 2016 Spring Annual Town Meeting.

Or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 33
Appropriate Funds for Sewage Disposal System for Affordable Home
(Affordable Housing Trust Fund)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$35,000 for the purpose of constructing and installing a force main sewage disposal system for a two-family affordable home to be constructed at 299/301 Bacon Street by the Natick Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 34
Restrict Use of Middlesex Path as Dog Park
(Ann Karnofsky et al)

To see if the town will vote to exclude the open space parkland known as Middlesex Path Park and its corresponding parking lot (located on wooded land paralleling the southern shore of Lake Cochituate from Fiske Pond east to Washington Avenue) from any use other than its existing passive recreational use; specifically, to exclude the active and disruptive use required by construction and operation of a Dog Park gated enclosure in said parking lot, path, and wooded areas. Said exclusion of use at Middlesex Path Park does not preclude the Dog Park development from any other available town land.

Furthermore, the excluded use of Middlesex Path Park for such a Dog Park gated enclosure, with thirty car parking lot expansion and requiring major tree cutting and forest floor disruption, would preclude any appropriations of town funds by this body for future needs and maintenance of such a project if in the excluded use area of Middlesex Path Park.

Therefore, the vote will be to limit Middlesex Path Park to the passive recreational use that it has, excluding the active use at that site of a Dog Park gated enclosure; also, to preclude any appropriations of town funds for such a development if in the excluded use area; or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 35
Thomas Sawin Homestead Preservation
(Randy Johnson, *et al*)

To see if the Town will:

1. Create a committee to work toward resolution of outstanding issues regarding the Thomas Sawin House and its appurtenant lands located at 79 South Street Map 77 Lot 7 and Map 77 Lot 6A. Such committee to solicit technical assistance for the development of strategies for preserving and maintaining the structure at its current location, the identification of the historic, archaeological and social features of the house, appurtenant lands and site features (including the South Street bridge structures) and the submission of preservation or other grant applications. The committee shall be formed by the Moderator. The committee shall have access to town legal counsel and personnel of the Community and Economic Development Department. The committee shall be comprised of not less than three nor more than five appointees.

2. Appropriate an amount not to exceed \$30,000 for such technical assistance.

3. Authorize the Board of Selectman to negotiate the acquisition of property interests as may be appropriate to support the preservation of the Thomas Sawin House and its appurtenant lands.

Or otherwise act thereon.

The above articles are to be acted upon and determined exclusively by Town Meeting Members in accordance with Chapter 2 of the Acts of 1938 and Amendments thereto and the Town Charter and subject to the referendum provided thereby.

You are directed to serve this Warrant by causing an attested copy of said Warrant to be posted in the 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, 165 Mill St.; Precinct 4, TCAN, 14 Summer Street; Precinct 5, Wilson Middle School, 22 Rutledge Road; Precinct 6, East Natick Fire Station, 2 Rhode Island Avenue; Precinct 7, Lilja Elementary School, 41 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 Natick U.S. Post Office, Town Hall, Bacon Free Library and Morse Institute Library seven days at least before October 20, 2015; also by causing the titles of the articles on the Warrant for the 2015 Fall Annual Town Meeting to be published once in the Newspaper called "The Metrowest Daily News", with notice of availability of an attested copy of said Warrant, said Newspaper published in the Town of Natick and said publication to be Monday, August 31, 2015.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time appointed for holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 25th day of August, 2015.

CHARLES M. HUGHES
Chair

RICHARD JENNETT, JR.
Vice Chair

NICHOLAS S. MABARDY
Clerk

JOSHUA OSTROFF
Member

JOHN J. CONNOLLY
Member

Board of Selectmen for the Town of Natick

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 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Monday through Wednesday; 8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. on Thursday and 8:00 p.m.-12:30 p.m. Friday; the Warrant may also be accessed from the Town web site www.natickma.gov.