

**WARRANT
FALL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 2011**

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 Wilson Middle School Auditorium, Natick on **Tuesday Evening October 18, 2011 at 7:30 PM**, then and there to act on the following Articles:

- Article 1 Authorization to Reorganize Certain Town Departments
- Article 2 Authorization to Consolidate General Government and School Department Functions
- Article 3 Personnel Board Pay Plan
- Article 4 Fiscal 2012 Omnibus Budget
- Article 5 Stabilization Fund
- Article 6 Stabilization Fund – Operating/Rainy Day
- Article 7 Stabilization Fund – Capital
- Article 8 Establishment of Trust Fund to Fund OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits) Obligations
- Article 9 Capital Equipment
- Article 10 Capital Improvement
- Article 11 Rescind authorized, unissued debt
- Article 12 Unpaid Bills
- Article 13 Home Rule Petition: Authorization to Lease 27-53 South Avenue for a term not to Exceed 99 years
- Article 14 Home Rule Petition: Authorization to Lease 20 Middlesex Avenue for a term not to Exceed 99 years
- Article 15 Home Rule Petition: Increase Membership of Town Forest Committee from 3 to 5
- Article 16 Natick 360 Progress Report
- Article 17 Authorization for Selectmen to Accept/Obtain Utility Easements
- Article 18 Home Rule Petition: Authorization to Issue (3) Off Premises Beer & Wine Licenses
- Article 19 Street Acceptance: Main Street
- Article 20 Amend Charter: Appointment of Town Meeting Members
- Article 21 Amend Charter Section 2-3: Re-Precincting Requirement
- Article 22 Amend Charter Section 5-6: Action on Town Administrator Preliminary Budget
- Article 23 Amend Zoning By-Law: Outdoor Advertising
- Article 24 Dissolution of Town’s Human Services Department

ARTICLE 1
Authorization to Reorganize Certain Town Departments
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Administrator, pursuant to Article 6 of the Natick Home Rule Charter, to reorganize certain Town departments, or otherwise act thereon.

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

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.

ARTICLE 3
Personnel Board 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 and will provide the money necessary therefor, or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 4
Fiscal 2012 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 2012 (July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012) and to provide for a reserve fund for Fiscal Year 2012, and to see what budgets for Fiscal 2012 will be reduced to offset said additional appropriations, or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 5
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 by vote of the 1961 Annual Town Meeting under Article 22, as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5B of the General Laws, as amended, or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 6
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 7
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 by vote of the 2010 Fall Annual Town Meeting under Article 2, as authorized by Chapter 40, Section 5B of the General Laws, as amended, or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 8
Establishment of Trust Fund to Fund OPEB (Other Post
Employment Benefits) Obligations
(Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 32B, Section 20, as amended, which provides that a town may establish a separate trust fund to be known as an Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund to reduce the unfunded actuarial liability of health care and other post-employment benefits, 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 or sums 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 or sums 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
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 12
Unpaid Bills
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide such sums of money as may be required for the payment of unpaid bills of previous years, incurred by the departments, boards and officers of the Town of Natick, or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 13

Home Rule Petition: Authorization to Lease 27-53 South Avenue for a Term Not to Exceed 99 Years (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court to enact legislation which would authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter in a lease for a term not to exceed ninety-nine (99) years of the property at 27-53 South Avenue, Natick, which is now or formerly the site of a municipal parking lot, for the purpose of construction, operation and management of a facility which would provide residential use, and/or commercial use, and/or institutional use, and/or a combination of uses which, in the determination of the Natick Board of Selectmen, are consistent with the Town's goals for Natick Center, and which may provide, but is not required to provide, public parking and/or private parking associated with said use; 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 said petition.

or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 14

Home Rule Petition: Authorization to Lease 20 Middlesex Avenue for a Term Not to Exceed 99 Years (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court to enact legislation which would authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease for a term not to exceed ninety nine (99) years of the property at 20 Middlesex Avenue, Natick which is now or formerly the site of the Middlesex Avenue parking garage, for the purpose of construction, operation and management of a facility which would provide residential use, and/or commercial use, and/or institutional use, and/or a combination of uses which, in the determination of the Natick Board of Selectmen, are consistent with the Town's goals for Natick Center, and which may provide, but is not required to provide, public parking and/or private parking associated with said use; 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 said petition;

or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 15
Home Rule Petition: Increase Membership of Town Forest Committee
from 3 to 5
(Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission)

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, that the General Court may reasonably vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition.

AN ACT EXPANDING THE TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF
NATICK
FROM THREE TO FIVE MEMBERS

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 21 of Chapter 45 of the General Laws, or any other general law or special law to the contrary, the Conservation Commission of the Town of Natick may appoint a Town Forest Committee of up to five members to serve without compensation for terms of no more than three years.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.
Or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 16
Natick 360 Progress Report
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will hear a report from the Town and/or sponsoring boards and committees on progress with respect to the Natick 360 Strategic Plan, or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 17
Authorization for Selectmen to Accept/Obtain Utility Easements
(Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, during Fiscal Year 2012, 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;

or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 18
Home Rule Petition: Authorization to Issue (3) Off Premises Beer & Wine Licenses
(Rick Ciccarelli, et al)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of the Commonwealth to enact legislation, notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 11 and 17 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or any other general or special law to the contrary, authorizing the Town to issue up to three (3) licenses for the sale of wines and malt beverages not be drunk on the premises, 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; or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 19
Street Acceptance: Main Street
(Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to accept Main Street as a public way, and any appurtenant easements thereto, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and as shown on a plan or plans, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk; to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, easements in any land necessary for laying out and acceptance of Main Street, and any appurtenant drainage, utility or other easements related to said Main Street, and/or to accept grants thereof; and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen and other applicable Town of Natick boards and personnel to take all related actions necessary or appropriate to accomplish the purposes of this article, or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 20
Amend Charter: Appointment of Town Meeting Members
(Town Clerk)

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 2 of the Natick Home Rule Charter with respect to vacancies in the membership of the representative Town Meeting and the process for filling same, or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 21
Amend Charter Section 2-3: Re-Precincting Requirement
(Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Natick Home Rule Charter, specifically the second paragraph of Section 2-3 therein, as follows:

- (1) by inserting after the comma at the end of clause (a) the word “or”,
- (2) by deleting the comma and the word “or” at the end of clause (b),
- (3) by inserting a period at the end of clause (b), and
- (4) by deleting clause (c) in its entirety.

Such that the second paragraph of Section 2-3 would read as follows: “The boundaries of the precincts shall be reviewed and wholly or partly revised by the board of selectmen (a) at least once in every ten years, or (b) whenever it is directed to do so by a vote of the town meeting. Any such revision shall be carried out in accordance with the timeline described in said Section 6 of Chapter 54 of the General Laws.”

Or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 22
Amend Charter Section 5-6: Action on Town Administrator
Preliminary Budget
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Natick Home Rule Charter, specifically Section 5-6 (a) therein as follows:

- (1) by inserting before the phrase “date, time and place” the word “initial”;
- (2) by inserting before the phrase “public hearing” the phrase “first of one or more”; and
- (3) by adding an “s” on the end of the word “hearing”

such that Section 5-6(a) shall read as follows: “(a) Public Hearing - The finance committee shall forthwith, upon receipt of the preliminary budget, provide for the publication in a local newspaper of a notice stating the initial date, time and place, not less than seven nor more than fourteen days following such publication, when the first of one or more public hearings will be held by the finance committee on the preliminary budget.” Or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 23
Amend Zoning By-Law: Outdoor Advertising
(Town Administrator)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law to allow non-accessory signs (specifically electronic billboards) in certain zoning districts of the town and to establish restrictions associated therewith, or otherwise act thereon.

ARTICLE 24
Dissolution of Town's Human Services Department
(Jerry Pierce, et al)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dissolve what is left of the town's Human Services Department and merge those services with the Natick Service Council, thereby saving the Town approximately \$100,000 annually, and allowing those services to be expedited and efficiently provided by the Natick Service Council, 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.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by causing an attested copy of said Warrant to be posted in the two Post Offices in said Natick; and at the following public places in said Natick, to wit: Precinct 1: Reliable Cleaners, West Central Street; Precinct 2: Fire Station, Speen Street; Precinct 3: Station 5 Grille, Watson Street; Precinct 4: TCAN, Summer Street; Precinct 5: Wilson Middle School; Precinct 6: East Natick Fire Station, Rhode Island Avenue; Precinct 7: Bacon Street Farm, Bacon Street; Precinct 8: Natick Senior High School, West Street; Precinct 9: Natick Town Hall, East Central Street and Precinct 10: South Natick Fire Station, Eliot Street.

Above locations being at least one public place in each Precinct, in the Town of Natick, and also posted in the two Natick U.S. Post Offices, Bacon Free Library and Morse Institute Library seven days at least before October 18, 2011; also by causing the titles of the articles on the warrant for the 2011 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 Friday, August 26, 2011.

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 23 day of August, 2011.

CHARLES M. HUGHES
Chairman

CAROL A. GLOFF
Vice Chair

PAUL R. JOSEPH
Clerk

JOSHUA OSTROFF
Member

NICHOLAS S. MABARDY
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 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday through Thursday and 8:00 AM-12:30 PM Friday and at the Town web site www.natickma.gov.

**OFFICER'S RETURN
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Natick, Middlesex

Pursuant to the warrant for the 2011 Natick Fall Annual Town Meeting, I have this day notified the qualified Town Meeting Members to assemble at the time, place and for the purpose within mentioned by posting the warrant as within directed and in accordance with the Town of Natick Home Rule Charter and the Town of Natick By-Laws.

DATE(S) DULY POSTED _____

Signature of Constable

Date

**OFFICER'S RETURN
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Natick, Middlesex

Pursuant to the Town of Natick Home Rule Charter and the Town of Natick By-Laws, I have caused the titles of the articles on the warrant for the 2011 Natick Fall Annual Town Meeting and a notice of availability of an attested copy of said warrant to be published in the newspaper called *The MetroWest Daily News*, in the issue published in the said Town of Natick on August 26, 2011.

Signature of Town Administrator

Date