

**Advisory Committee Minutes
March 18, 2015 Meeting**

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Attendees: Dave Benton, Rick Stillman, Arthur Frontczak, Jonathan Hurwitz and Pat Snead

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

After introductions, the committee heard from the petitioner, John Robbins, regarding his petition to amend the Zoning By-Laws to allow a single/shared driveway or private road for up to two single family lots. His main purpose for the proposed change is to minimize the need for the town to build and maintain "short" roads where a private road or drive will suffice. Mr. Robbins responded to various questions from the Committee.

Next Cynthia Andrade from the CPC presented information on the four proposed articles put forth by the CPC. Two are standard articles for annual administrative funding and the state-mandated allocation of 10% of funds collected to each of Affordable Housing, Open Space and Historical Preservation. The other two articles relate to a proposed transfer of \$400,000 to the Affordable Housing Trust and \$5,000 for a historical preservation project related to the Norfolk and Pondville cemeteries.

Ms. Andrade explained the purpose of the historical preservation project and responded to questions from the Committee regarding the Affordable Housing Trust transfer (a similar measure to what has been approved over the past few years).

Next the Committee reviewed, discussed and voted unanimously (5-0-0 for all articles) the following:

Standard articles required to be voted upon annually at Town Meeting:

Article 9 (as so numbered by the Committee in the draft warrant dated 3/11/2015) – motion by Mr. Stillman, second by Mr. Frontczak

Article 11 – motion by Mr. Snead, second by Mr. Stillman

Article 12 – motion by Mr. Snead, second by Mr. Frontczak

Article 13 – motion by Mr. Snead, second by Mr. Frontczak

Article 14 – motion by Mr. Frontczak, second by Mr. Hurwitz

CPC related articles as reviewed earlier in the meeting:

Articles 15 & 16 – motion by Mr. Snead, second by Mr. Frontczak

Articles 17 & 18 – motion by Mr. Snead, second by Mr. Frontczak

Article 10 regarding the re-authorization of the Town's revolving funds was briefly discussed, but further input was required.

The Committee then reviewed and discussed the article to abolish the Capital Outlay Committee. The Committee acknowledged that the necessary analyses and requirements for capital spending were being sufficiently and professionally handled by the Town's staff and administration. In the view of the Committee, there was no need for the continuance of this committee. Mr. Frontczak motioned to approve Article 22, seconded by Mr. Snead, and so voted 5-0-0.

The remaining articles will require further input and information before the Committee will be ready to vote on them.

There being no further business, Mr. Stillman motioned to adjourn, second by Mr. Frontczak, and so voted 5-0-0.

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NORFOLK, ss.

To either Constable in the Town of Norfolk, in said County:

GREETINGS:

You are required in the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify and warn the inhabitants of Norfolk, qualified to vote in Town affairs residing in Precincts 1, 2, and 3, to assemble in the designated polling places in the Freeman-Kennedy School, 70 Boardman Street, Norfolk, Massachusetts, on Tuesday, May 5, 2015, at 7:00 a.m., for the election of town officers under ARTICLE 1 of the Annual Town Meeting; and thence to meet on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the King Philip Middle School, 18 King Street, Norfolk, Massachusetts 02056; for the adjourned business session of the Annual Town Meeting, then and there to act on the following articles commencing with Article 2, viz:

ARTICLE 1

Submitted by the Town Clerk

To choose by ballot the following Town officers: one Moderator for a one year term; one Selectman for a three year term; one Assessor for a three year term; one Board of Health member for a three year term; two members of the Housing Authority, one for a one year unexpired term, one for a five year term; one Library Trustee for a three year term; one Planning Board member for a three year term; one Recreation Commission member for a three year term; two Norfolk School Committee members for three year terms; and one King Philip Regional School Committee member for a three year term.

Town Administrator's Comment

Norfolk's annual election is technically Article 1 of the Town Meeting. The Election is held on May 5th and the rest of Town Meeting convenes on May 12th.

ARTICLE 2

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available source of funds, a sum of money to pay unpaid bills of a prior year pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 64; or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Administrator's Comment

This article requests authority to pay a bill from a prior year. Massachusetts General Laws "MGL" requires a 7/8th majority to approve.

ARTICLE 3

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available source of funds, a sum of money to be added to departmental budgets and appropriations for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2015; or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Administrator's Comment

This article requests authority for the Town Accountant to transfer funds from an available source, typically free cash or another departmental budget to a budget that requires additional funding.

ARTICLE 4

Submitted by the Town Administrator

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Norfolk Board of Selectmen's Human Resource Policy, Schedule B. COMPENSATION SCHEDULE by applying a general increase of 1.5% to all Steps on the COMPENSATION SCHEDULE effective July 1, 2015; or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Administrator's Comment

This is an annual request that authorizes a Cost of Living Adjustment to the annual salary schedule for non-union personnel.

ARTICLE 5

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the Town as provided for by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 108; and further to see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from any available source of funds, borrow or bond, to defray the departmental and incidental expenses of the Town not otherwise provided for, for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2015; or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Administrator's Comment

In this article we seek approval of the next fiscal year budget for the General Fund.

ARTICLE 6

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to transfer from Department of Public Works Water Division revenues to fund the Water Division maintenance and operating expenses; or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Administrator's Comment

In this article we seek approval of the next fiscal year budget for the Water Enterprise Fund.

ARTICLE 7

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

To see what sum of money the Town will vote to transfer from Department of Public Works Sewer Division revenues to fund the Sewer Division maintenance and operating expenses; or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Administrator's Comment

In this article we seek approval of the next fiscal year budget for the Sewer Enterprise Fund.

ARTICLE

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to appoint any committee, or hear or act on the report of any committee or town officer, or instruct any committee or town officer; or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Administrator's Comment

This article allows for committees to present prepared reports and for participants to ask questions of committee members or Town officials.

ARTICLE

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to accept and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts for the expenditure of Chapter 90 funds allocated by the Commonwealth for the construction, reconstruction, or improvements of public roads and other improvements within the Town, as requested by the Selectmen, and to authorize the Treasurer to borrow or bond, pursuant to any applicable statute in anticipation of reimbursement; or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Administrator's Comment

This "boiler plate" article authorizes the Selectmen to accept MGL Chapter 90 "Road Funds" from the State and to make improvements and repairs to existing Town roadways with those funds.

ARTICLE

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, §53 E ½, to reauthorize the following revolving funds for Fiscal Year 2015 at the limits set forth below:

Town Administrator's Comment

This article seeks the reauthorization of previously approved revolving funds. Revolving funds that have been set up by prior Town Meetings allow departments to take in specific funds and spend them without additional authorization on for the specific purposes defined in the article.

- (1) The revolving fund for the purpose of paying expenses related to the collection of parking ticket violations; said fund to be credited with parking ticket receipts and expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen (limit \$1,000); or take any other action relative thereto.
- (2) A revolving fund for the purpose of paying the expenses of snow removal, including maintenance and replacement of equipment, from private property to include the King Philip Regional School and subdivision roads as required by the Planning Board rules and regulations; said fund to be credited with receipt of fees charged for this service and expended under the authority and direction of the Board of Selectmen (limit: \$20,000); or take any other action relative thereto.
- (3) A revolving fund for the purpose of paying the expenses of Recreational Field Maintenance, including materials, replacement and rental of equipment and contract labor; said fund to be credited with receipt of fees charged for this service and expended under the authority and direction of the Recreation Commission (limit: \$50,000.); or take any other action relative thereto.
- (4) A Conservation Management Revolving Fund to be credited with monies from timber harvesting on Conservation Land and expended under the direction of the Conservation Commission to develop and oversee management activities and projects on Town-owned conservation land (limit: \$5,000); or take any other action relative thereto.

- (5) A revolving fund to receive wetland hearing application fees to be expended under the direction of the Conservation Commission for payment of legal advertisements for such hearings (limit: \$5,000); or take any other action relative thereto.
- (6) A Planning Board Revolving Fund to receive subdivision performance inspection fees, as established by the Planning Board, to be expended under the direction of the Planning Board for services related to the inspection and approval of subdivisions (limit: \$5,000); or take any other action relative thereto.
- (7) A Planning Board Revolving Fund to receive mitigation funds required by the Planning Board under the Shade Tree Act and Scenic Roads Act, to be expended under the direction of the Planning Board for the purchase and planting of replacement trees (limit: \$10,000), or take any other action relative thereto.
- (8) A Planning Board Revolving Fund to receive mitigation funds required by the Planning Board relative to off-site improvements due to the approval of subdivisions and site plans to be expended under the direction of the Planning Board for such off-site improvements (limit: \$91,000); or take any other action relative thereto.
- (9) A Planning Board Revolving Fund to receive funds required by the Planning Board relative to the cleaning and maintenance of unaccepted subdivision roadways and drainage structures as may be required by the Planning Board for subdivision approvals, to be expended under the direction of the Planning Board for such cleaning and maintenance (limit: \$30,000); or take any other action relative thereto.
- (10) A revolving fund for the Board of Assessors to receive funds required by the Board of Assessors for the processing of abutters lists to be expended under the direction of the Board of Assessors for expenditures associated with generating such lists, including the acquisition, operation and maintenance of technologies used for preparing and issuing abutters lists and mapping (limit: \$2,000); or take any other action relative thereto.
- (11) A revolving fund for the Board of Library Trustees to receive funds required by the Board of Library Trustees to replace or repair lost or damaged library materials, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Library Trustees to replace or repair such lost or damaged materials (limit: \$7,500); or take any other action relative thereto.
- (12) A revolving fund for the Public Library to receive funds remitted for the processing of passports, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Library Trustees for fees and expenses associated with processing of passports and other related purposes deemed appropriate by the Trustees (limit: \$5,000); or take any other action relative thereto.
- (13) A revolving fund to be credited with receipts collected from charges to private parties or entities for police details involving the use of a police vehicle at construction sites, to be expended for the express purpose of vehicle replacement within the Police Department, under the authority of the Police Chief of the Town of Norfolk (limit: \$50,000); or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept any monies received through grants applied for by various Town Departments or Boards; or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Administrator's Comment

In this article we seek authority to accept grants on behalf of the Town and expend those funds in a manner authorized by the grant.

ARTICLE

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to advertise in a local newspaper and sell at public sale from time to time, as it may deem in the best interests of the Town, any and all lands or portions thereof which the Town has acquired or may acquire as Tax Title land, so called, such sales to be made on behalf of the inhabitants of the Town of Norfolk, and to authorize the Selectmen to expend from the proceeds of such sale the necessary costs of recording fees, documentary stamps and auctioneer's fees, if required; or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Administrator's Comment

This article authorizes the Selectmen to sell property that the Town has acquired through Tax Title (foreclosure resulting from a failure to pay real estate taxes).

ARTICLE

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by gift, purchase or otherwise, such easements as may be necessary for drainage purposes and the laying out of public ways, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from any available source of funds, a sum of money for said purposes; or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Administrator's Comment

When roadways are developed the Town typically needs to acquire easements on properties surrounding the roadways to maintain pipes, outflows and other drainage equipment. This article allows the Selectmen to acquire those easements, typically at no cost. If funding is required it will be stated in the motion.

ARTICLE

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to grant the Board of Selectmen permission to sell surplus property of the Town, exclusive of buildings and land, no longer needed by the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Administrator's Comment

This article seeks authorization to allow the Selectmen to sell through public procurement laws, surplus property other than land or buildings.

-----NEW ARTICLES-----

ARTICLE

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B, Section 5, to appropriate the sum of \$35,000 from the annual revenues in the Community Preservation Fund for the purpose of funding the Administrative and Operating Budget for the Community Preservation Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Administrator's Comment

In this article the Community Preservation Committee seeks authority to spend funds for normal operating costs including salary for their clerical staff and other miscellaneous expense items.

ARTICLE

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B, to reserve a sum of money equal to the state-mandated minimum amount of 10% from FY2014 Community Preservation Fund revenues for the future appropriation of Open Space creations, acquisition and preservation; 10% from FY2014 Community Preservation Fund revenues for the future appropriation of Affordable Housing creations, preservation and support; and 10% from FY2014 Community Preservation Fund revenues for the future appropriation towards the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of Historic Resources; or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Administrator's Comment

This article mirrors State Law and instructs the Town Accountant to reserve 10% of annual revenues for future appropriations, by Town Meeting, for each of the Community Preservation purposes; Open Space, Affordable Housing and Historical Preservation. By doing this, we know that we are spending at least 10% of our CPC funds on each of the three CPC purposes. The remaining 70% of the funds remain in the "Undesignated Reserves" and are available to be appropriated for any of the three purposes.

ARTICLE

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

To see if the Town will vote to allocate from the Community Preservation Fund, \$40,000 from the Affordable Housing Reserve and \$360,000 from Undesignated Reserves to be transferred to the Norfolk Affordable Housing Trust Fund, to be used to create affordable housing in the Town of Norfolk; or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Administrator's Comment

In this article the Community Preservation recommends an appropriation of funds from the CPC fund and transferred to the Affordable Housing Trust so the Trustees may continue their work in creating Affordable Housing opportunities in Norfolk.

ARTICLE

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

To see if the Town will vote to allocate from the Community Preservation Fund, Historic Reserves, and amount not to exceed \$5,000 for the ground penetration radar scanning at the Norfolk and Pondville Cemeteries; or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Administrator's Comment

In this article the CPC is seeking appropriation of \$5,000 from the funds designated for Historic Preservation purposes to scan the Norfolk Cemeteries.

ARTICLE

Submitted by the Town Planner

To amend the Norfolk Zoning Bylaw by adding a new Section H.5. "Multifamily Housing District" to SECTION F. GENERAL REGULATIONS as follows:

H.5. Multifamily Housing District:

H.5.1. Purpose: The purpose of this section is to further the goals of the Norfolk Master Plan and the Norfolk Housing Production Plan. It is designed to encourage the diversity of housing types around the MBTA train station, to support and promote pedestrian oriented development in and around Town Center, and to increase the number of affordable housing units. This bylaw establishes a special permit option to allow for the development of Multifamily Dwellings or Apartment buildings, and other Multifamily Developments in proximity to the train station and Town Center.

H.5.2. Applicability: The Planning Board may grant a Multifamily Housing Special Permit for a Multifamily Dwelling or Apartment building, and/or a Multifamily Development as follows:

- a) On one parcel or contiguous parcels within a 2000 foot radius of the intersection of train tracks and Route 115. This area encompasses the following districts: B-1 Town Center, R-1 Residential, and R-2 Residential.
- b) Any applicable parcel(s) must have a minimum of 2 acres of land and 50 feet of lot frontage providing primary physical access on an existing public way, as described in E.1.c. in the Zoning bylaws
- c) All existing parcels except for those parcels located within or part of residential subdivisions approved and constructed under the Subdivision Control Law since *(insert date it became effective in Norfolk)* or granted a special permit under the Norfolk Zoning Bylaw. *(Not sure we want this)*
- d) These provisions apply to the following:
 - 1) The alteration/rehabilitation and conversion/adaptive reuse of existing buildings
 - 2) Construction of new buildings or additions to existing buildings.

H.5.3. Dimensional Requirements:

- a) The minimum dimensional requirements (area, frontage and setbacks) shall be the same as for the underlying zoning district in which the parcel is located. The Planning Board may adjust the dimensional requirements if, in its opinion, such adjustment will result in a more desirable design of the development or provide enhanced buffering for adjacent residential properties.
- b) Legally pre-existing nonconforming parcels not in common ownership with abutting parcels and legally, pre-existing nonconforming buildings shall be eligible for a Multifamily Housing special permit provided they do not increase any dimensional

nonconformity and can demonstrate compliance with the parking and open space requirements of this section.

H.5.4. Density: The density of a Multifamily Dwelling or Apartment House, and a Multifamily Development shall not exceed five (5) dwelling units per acre or portions thereof, except that the Planning Board may adjust the density as follows:

a) +1 unit when the project involves the rehabilitation/adaptive reuse of an existing structure at least 75 years of age and is completed in a manner that preserves and/or enhances the exterior architectural features of the building;

b) +2 units when more than 25% of the dwelling units are designated as affordable.

The granting of bonus units is at the discretion of the Planning Board and is subject to meeting all other requirements of the Norfolk Zoning Bylaw and the Affordable Housing Production Plan

H.5.5. Special Regulations:

a) Affordable Housing Requirement: Projects approved pursuant to this Section shall comply with the Town's Affordable Housing requirements as specified in the Norfolk Zoning Bylaw, SECTION H. 3. Affordable Housing Development.

b) Notwithstanding any requirements of the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development for inclusion of affordable housing units on the Chapter 40B Subsidized Housing inventory, the average bedroom count of a Multifamily Dwelling or Apartment House or a Multifamily Development shall not exceed 2 per unit.

c) Open Space: There shall be an open space or yard area equal to at least 15% of the parcel(s) total area. This area shall be unpaved and may be landscaped or left natural, with the balance being trees, shrubs and grass suitable for the site. This area shall not be built upon but may include a play area.

d) Parking: At least 1.5 off-street parking spaces shall be provided for each dwelling unit plus 1 additional visitor parking space for every 2 dwelling units.

e) There shall be Town water and sewer available in the public way on which the Multifamily Dwelling or Apartment House or Multifamily Development has its frontage and said water and sewer lines shall have sufficient capacity to accommodate the project.

f) A multifamily building shall not contain more than 12 dwelling units.

g) Any Multifamily Development shall not exceed 40 dwelling units.

H.5.6. Rules and Regulations: The Planning Board shall adopt *Multifamily Housing Rules and Regulations* which shall include application submittal requirements, public hearing and review procedures, bonus density criteria, and site development and design standards including but not limited to landscaping, buffering, lighting, building style, pedestrian access, off-street parking, utilities and waste disposal.

H.5.7. Development Limitation: The maximum number of Multifamily Dwelling units authorized pursuant to this section shall not exceed 5 percent of the number of detached single-family dwellings located in the Town of Norfolk, as determined by the Board of Assessors. (Note – The Assessor’s office reports that Norfolk has XXXX single family detached housing units as of Date. The total number of units cannot exceed 5% of that amount which equals XXX multifamily dwelling units.)

H.5.8. Special Permit Procedures:

a) *The special permit application, public hearing, and decision procedures shall be in accordance with this Section, the Planning Board’s Rules and Regulations, and the Norfolk Zoning Bylaw, SECTION D and I.7. Use Regulations, Section F.11. Site Plan Review.*

b) **Application Requirements.** The Applicant shall submit a Multifamily Housing special permit application together with the size, form, number, and contents of the required plans and any supplemental information as required in the Planning Board’s *Multifamily Housing Rules and Regulations.*(we don’t have this yet)

H.5.9. Decision: The Planning Board may grant a Multifamily Housing special permit with any conditions, safeguards, and limitations necessary to mitigate the project’s impact on the surrounding area and to ensure compliance with this Section and the Norfolk Zoning Bylaw, SECTION D and I.7. USE REGULATIONS, Section F.11. Site Plan Review and Approval, upon finding that the Multifamily Dwelling or Apartment House, or the Multifamily Development will:

- a) meet the purposes and requirements of this Section, and the Planning Board’s *Site Plan Rules and Regulations*;
- b) is consistent with the goals of the Norfolk Master Plan and the Norfolk Housing Production Plan;
- c) not have a detrimental impact on abutting properties and adjacent neighborhoods or such impacts are adequately mitigated;
- d) provide for greater variety and type of housing stock.

And to amend SECTION B DEFINITIONS by inserting the following definition in alphabetical order:

Multifamily Housing -(also known as **multidwelling unit** or **MDU**) is a classification of housing where multiple separate housing units for residential inhabitants are contained within one building or several buildings within one complex. A common form is an apartment building. Sometimes units in a multifamily residential building are condominiums, where typically the units are owned individually rather than leased from a single apartment building owner.

Multifamily Development – A residential development of more than one building comprised of multifamily dwellings and which may also include one single family house and one or more two family houses.

And to amend the Norfolk Zoning Map to include the Multifamily Housing District as shown on a map on file with the Norfolk Town Clerk;
And to authorize the Town Clerk to retitle/renumber this section, if approved, to be incorporated into a recodified Zoning Bylaw (Article ___) if approved by Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto.

*****This article is a draft only. It will have revisions.**

Town Administrator's Comment

The above article is a proposal to change our Zoning Bylaws. Prior to Town Meeting the Planning Board hosted a public hearing to hear comments regarding this article and will then make a recommendation at Town meeting regarding their recommendation. This article requires a 2/3 majority for approval.

ARTICLE

Submitted by King Philip Turf Committee

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from any available source of funds, borrow or bond a sum of money to transfer to the King Philip Regional School District for the purpose of paying the Town of Norfolk's portion of a installing an artificial turf field and related facilities at the King Philip High School; or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Administrator's Comment

This article seeks authorization to raise funds, transfer or borrow funds and transfer those funds to King Philip for the purpose of installing an artificial turf field at the High School where the main stadium is located today.

ARTICLE

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town amend the Town of Norfolk General Bylaws by inserting the following as Article __, Section __;

All contracts entered into by Town Departments, Town Officials and Town Committees that are greater than one year or extend or renew an existing contract for a total or combined period of greater than one year must be approved by the Board of Selectmen prior to final execution; or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Administrator's Comment

This article creates a new General Bylaw that will require that all contracts that are greater than one year in duration be approved by the Selectmen.

ARTICLE

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town amend the Town of Norfolk General Bylaws by deleting Article 3, Section 3 in its entirety and by striking "and the Capital Outlay Committee" from Article 3, Section 2, Paragraph A.

Town Administrator's Comment

This article eliminates the need for a separate capital committee. The Town Administrator and Finance Director will continue to create the Capital Budget and will then present it directly to the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Committee for review prior to being considered by Town Meeting. Should there be an opportunity for a significant capital budget campaign the Selectmen have the option to create an Ad-Hoc committee to handle that challenge.

ARTICLE

Submitted by Petition

Executive Summary: This article is to authorize the town to discontinue the use of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and the associated testing known as PARCC within the Norfolk School District and King Philip Regional School District, and return to using the Pre-2009 Massachusetts standards in ELA, Math, science/technology, and history/social science, and associated testing known as MCAS, which has made Massachusetts' education number one in the nation and competitive with the top ranking countries on international standardized tests.

To see if the town will vote to discontinue the use of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and the associated testing known as PARCC within the Norfolk Public School District and King Philip Regional School District, and return to using the Pre-2009 Massachusetts standards in ELA, Math, science/technology, and history/social science and associated testing known as MCAS.

“WHEREAS: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has had the highest educational standards in the country for decades because of effective policy handled by local school boards with input from parents; and

WHEREAS: Education is most effectively handled at the local level, where parents can have direct control over school curriculum and policy; and

WHEREAS: The federal government's takeover of education, known as “Common Core”, threatens parental control over their children's education” 1 as noted below: “The Common Core State Standards Initiative (CCSSI) is a set of national K-12 standards developed primarily by a nonprofit called Achieve, Inc., in Washington, D.C. under the auspices of the National Governors Association (NGA) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO). The Common Core was developed without state legislative knowledge and/or authority.” 2

By linking Race-to-the-Top grant funds to the implementation of Common Core State Standards “and linking the Common Core to No Child Left Behind waivers, the federal government is acting as the “enforcer” to herd states into the “one-size-fits- all” Common Core in spite of the fact that three federal laws” 2 (The Department of Education Organizational Act, established in 1979, Section 103b; The General Education Provisions Act; and The Elementary and Secondary Act, first enacted in 1965) “prohibit the federal government from guiding the educational curriculum of the states. Not only the U.S. Constitution, but also state constitutions maintain that education is a power reserved to the states and their citizens. Yet, state legislatures or state school boards cannot change the Common Core.” 2 “Taxpayers pay hundreds of billions in state and local taxes per year for K-12 education. Yet, the Common Core guarantees taxpayers and

parents NO VOICE in math and English content standards of their states and thus no control over what children will learn in these subjects. In fact, most states agreed to implement the Common Core before the standards were even released, all without state legislative approval or even public hearings.” 2 “The Common Core ensures that the states build expensive high-tech systems that will track student performance and other personal data and provide that information to the federal government. The unfunded mandates associated with the Common Core are open-ended in areas such as professional development, new textbooks and instructional materials, testing, and data-tracking systems. A recent study shows implementation will cost \$16 billion or more nationwide, with about 90 percent of this paid for by states and local districts, despite the \$4.35 billion Race to the Top grants. The Common Core fuels a money pot of tax dollars going to pre-selected vendors.” 2

THEREFORE: We reject the use of the Common Core State Standards and the associated testing known as PARCC (Partnership of Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) which stifles academic freedom and achievement, and return control over education to the local school district of Norfolk and King Philip School District, Massachusetts. We choose to use the Pre-2009 Massachusetts standards in ELA, Math, science/technology, and history/social science and associated testing, known as MCAS, which has made Massachusetts’ education number one in the nation, and competitive with the top ranking countries on international standardized tests

A “YES” vote is a vote to SUPPORT LOCAL control over education. A "YES" states that you would like the Norfolk Public School District and King Philip Regional School District, and return to using the Pre-2009 Massachusetts standards in ELA, Math, science/technology, and history/social science and associated testing known as MCAS.

A “NO” vote is a vote to SUPPORT the federal educational standards called COMMON CORE, which will continue to increase the cost of education while lowering, Massachusetts's educational standards.

ARTICLE

Submitted by Petition

To be Section E.1.H.

Development of Private Roads or Shared Driveways

That the Town of Norfolk Planning Board will allow the construction of private roads and or shared driveways for the residential development of up to two single family lots where public roads could have been approved but were waived due to the amount of land available.

Construction of such private roads or shared driveways to be determined by the planning Board and the Department of Public Works.

Lots must meet minimum lot acreage and have a minimum 50 feet of frontage and have access along a town accepted or state road.

ARTICLE

Submitted by Building Commissioner

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Norfolk Zoning Bylaws, by adding to section D.2.c Residential Uses the following in **bold** or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed Uses

	DISTRICTS						
	R	B1*	B2- B4	C1 **	C2/ C3/ C5	C4 ***	C6 **
D.2.c. Residential Uses							
D.2.c.9. Roof Mounted Solar Photovoltaic System	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
D.2.c.10. Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic System Accessory To A Residential or Commercial Building	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP
D.2.c.11. Wind Energy System Accessory To A Residential or Commercial Building	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP	SP