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A. Warrant Articles to Adopt or Amend Zoning By-Laws

All subject matter seeking to adopt or amend zoning by-laws which is submitted for consideration as articles for insertion in the warrant for the annual town meeting (the “zoning articles”) shall be filed in the office of the Select Board prior to twelve o'clock (12:00) noon on not less than the one hundred and twentieth (120th) day preceding the date on which the opening session of said meeting is to be held. On a date determined by the Select Board, such date to be not less than one hundred and twenty (120) days preceding the date on which the opening session of said meeting is to be held, the warrant shall be closed as to zoning articles, and as soon as practicable thereafter a listing of all proposed warrant zoning articles which were received on not less than the said one hundred and twentieth (120th) day preceding said scheduled date shall be prepared and signed by the Select Board. The said listing shall, forthwith, be submitted to the Town Counsel for review and formatting.3.1 A

The Select Board shall within fourteen days of receipt of such zoning articles submit them to the Planning Board for review. The Planning Board shall then hold a public hearing thereon at which interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard. Said public hearing shall be held within sixty-five days after the proposed zoning articles are submitted to the Planning Board by the Select Board, in accordance with M.G.L. c. 40A, § 5.

No vote at town meeting to adopt a zoning article shall be taken until a report with recommendations by the Planning Board has been submitted to the town meeting or twenty-one days after said Planning Board hearing have elapsed without submission of such report. After such hearing and report, or after twenty-one days shall have elapsed after such hearing without submission of such report, the town meeting may adopt, amend (and then adopt), or reject such proposed zoning articles.

B. All Other Warrant Articles

All subject matter seeking other than to adopt or amend zoning by-laws which is submitted for consideration as articles for insertion in the warrant for the annual town meeting (the “non-zoning articles”) shall be filed in the office of the Select 3 Article III of these By-Laws was deleted in its entirety by action taken under article 2, STM June 2, 1969. A new Article III was inserted under article 32, ATM April 28, 2003. 3-3.1

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