

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
TOWN OF NATICK
MASSACHUSETTS 01760**

October 12, 2005

Town Meeting Members and Citizens of Natick:

This report contains the Natick Finance Committee recommendations regarding appropriations for the Fiscal Year 2006 supplemental budgets and capital requests. In addition, this report contains recommendations on most of the non-financial 2005 Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles (Warrant Articles), in accordance with the Natick Home Rule Charter and Natick By-laws regarding Finance Committee responsibilities. The following documents supercede the Finance Committee's preliminary report dated October 7, 2004 (see attachment).

Each of the Finance Committee recommendations was made after conducting a duly noticed public hearing and open meetings of the Finance Committee as a whole. We took into account comments and data gathered from Warrant Articles' sponsors, many Town department heads, the Town administration, Town boards and commissions, and the public at-large. The Finance Committee made its recommendations only after affording ample time for input and discussion during meetings held on September 8th, 13th, 15th, 20th, 27th, 29th and October 4th, 6th, and 11th. The committee is scheduled to also meeting on October 17th and 18th to continue hearing both 2005 Fall annual Town Meeting and 2005 Special Town Meeting warrant articles.

The 2005 Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant contains thirty-two (32) articles that have and should generate debate and discussion. Several articles deal with subject matters that have previously come before Town Meeting. The Finance Committee has made recommendations on twenty-one (21) articles, no action is requested on nine (9) articles and the Finance Committee has tabled two (2) articles (Articles 3 and 32) until October 18th. Additional or alternative recommendations for any article(s) may be provided to Town Meeting by the Finance Committee as a result of our scheduled meetings. We anticipate that such recommendations will be provided the first evening of the 2005 Fall Annual Town Meeting.

The Finance Committee would like to express its thanks and appreciation for the hard work and dedication of all town officials, members of boards, committees, departments and citizens for their cooperation and participation during the Warrant Articles hearings.

We respectfully submit our recommendations for the 2005 Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles for your consideration.

As always, we thank you for your support.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Attachment: