



Town of Littleton, Massachusetts
TOWN MEETING REPORT

VOTER INFORMATION

Please bring this with you to the

**MAY 2, 2016 ANNUAL &
SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS**

Monday, May 2, 2016 at 7:00 PM
Charles Forbes Kaye Gymnasium
Littleton Middle School
55 Russell Street, Littleton, MA 01460

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| Map/Parcel | Lot Size (sq. ft.) | Address |
|------------|--------------------|----------------|
| U12-114 | 4,000 | Narcissus Road |
| U12-113 | 2,000 | Narcissus Road |

or to take any other action in relation thereto.

[Article 16 adds two lots to the Town's Tax Title Abutter Sales Program, which offers unbuildable lots less than 4,800 square feet to be sold to direct abutters of the parcels.]

Motion: Moved and seconded by the Board of Selectmen that the Town vote to approve Article 16 as printed in the warrant.

Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen support Article 16.

ARTICLE 17
Board of Selectmen
Nagog Hill Road Easements
[2/3rds vote required]

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift or eminent domain easements and/ or rights in portions of the following parcels of land for the purposes of making certain roadway improvements on Nagog Hill Road: Assessor's Map R2, Parcels 14 and 15 for maintenance purposes; and Assessor's Map R4, Parcel 12-B and Map R3, Parcel 6 for drainage purposes; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

[Article 17 authorizes easements for road maintenance and drainage purposes, in connection with the reconstruction of Nagog Hill Road.]

Motion: Moved and seconded by the Board of Selectmen that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire easements and/or rights in land on the following described parcels by purchase, gift or eminent domain, for the purposes of making certain roadway improvements on Nagog Hill Road, including drainage and maintenance, as shown as (1) "Proposed Permanent Easement for Drainage Purposes Area = 605 Sq. Ft.", (2) "Proposed Permanent Easement for Maintenance Purposes Area = 190 Sq. Ft.", and (3) "Proposed Permanent Easement for Maintenance Purposes Area = 536 Sq. Ft." on a certain plan of land entitled "Permanent Easement – Nagog Hill Road – Littleton, Massachusetts", prepared by Green International Affiliates, Inc., dated March 22, 2016.

Board of Selectmen supports Article 17.

[OTHER ARTICLES, INCLUDING ROUTINE AUTHORIZATIONS & REAUTHORIZATIONS]

ARTICLE 18²
Voter Petition
Moratorium on the Installation of Synthetic Turf with Tire Crumb
or Lead Component on Town-Owned Land

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a moratorium, for a three-year time period starting on May 2, 2016 and ending on May 1, 2019, that will prohibit the Town from constructing or installing on Town owned land any synthetic turf athletic field consisting of a monofilament carpet and crumb rubber infill, where the carpet contains components or colorants that contain lead and/or the crumb rubber infill contains scrap tires; this moratorium does not extend to synthetic turf athletic fields consisting of a monofilament carpet

² See proposed procedure on page 7 for taking up STM Art. 4-D and ATM Art. 18, one after the other May 2, 2016 Annual & Special Town Meetings

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and another infill material, where the carpet contains no lead and the infill contains no scrap tires; or take any other action in relation thereto.

[Article 18 is a voter-petitioned article which seeks to impose on Town-owned property a three-year moratorium on certain synthetic turf athletic fields.

[Petitioner's Explanation: Crumb rubber and lead chromate colorants used in synthetic turf contain known carcinogens and endocrine disrupters raising concerns regarding its health effects especially in young children. Further, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has withdrawn support for synthetic turf and the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has not rated synthetic turf or crumb rubber as a child-safe product. The Mt. Sinai Children's Environmental Health Center (CEHC) calls for a moratorium on synthetic turf due to inadequate study. This three-year moratorium will prevent installations of synthetic turf and allow results of ongoing research on synthetic turf including that currently being conducted by the EPA/CPSC and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as well as the States of California and Washington to be considered. The minimum expected timeline for the results from all of these studies is three years. The proposed moratorium does not include the sealed surfaces currently in use on running tracks or children's playgrounds; it would not apply to privately owned land.]

Motion: Moved and seconded by the petitioner that the Town vote to approve Article 18 as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 19

Board of Selectmen

Town By-law Amendment: Swimming Pool Fence Bylaw

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Code by deleting Chapter 152, Swimming Pools, §152-1, Covers or enclosures required; and by deleting from §1-4, Noncriminal disposition of certain violations: B (1) (f) Swimming Pool Fence Bylaw (Chapter 152); since those requirements are now addressed in the state building code; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

[Article 19 proposes to delete from references to swimming pool fences from the Town's General By-laws, since that subject matter is now covered fully by the state building code.]

Motion: Moved and seconded by the Board of Selectmen that the Town vote to approve Article 19 as printed in the warrant.

Board of Selectmen and Zoning Board of Appeals support Article 19.

ARTICLE 20

Board of Selectmen

Town By-law Amendment: Stormwater:

I. Illicit Connections and Discharges to Storm Drain System

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Code as follows:

(1) by adding a new Chapter 38, "Stormwater," Article I. "Illicit Connections and Discharges to Storm Drain System," in accordance with Section II.B.3(b) of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency General Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems, which mandates that the Town adopt, implement and enforce a regulatory mechanism to protect Littleton's water resources and infrastructure by preventing non-storm water discharges into the storm drain system, to read as follows:

Chapter 38, STORMWATER