



2018 Annual Town Meeting
Tuesday April 3 at 6pm
Nantucket High School Auditorium

**Nantucket's community depends on the
vitality of its sustainable natural resources.**

VOTE ENVIRONMENT FIRST

The Nantucket Land Council has reviewed the Warrant for the April 3rd Town Meeting and offers the following comments on articles which could affect the island's unique and valuable natural resources and quality of life.

Article 18 YES Appropriation Storm Water System Improvements

This funding is an important step to upgrade the Storm Water system and help protect Nantucket Harbor.

Article 42 NO Zoning Map Change R-20 to R-1 at 3 Wyers Way

This article would change increase the subdivision potential on one lot by decreasing the minimum lot size from 20,000 square feet to 10,000 square feet.

Article 43 NO Zoning Map Change R-20 to CN at 1 Airport Road

This article would change the minimum lot size from 20,000 square foot residential lots to 7,500 square foot commercial lots. Three additional lots could be created. We understand that the Town would be receiving land for a turning lane but we have not seen the specifics of the agreement yet. However, we don't see the logic in increasing development potential along Old South Road at this time which will already be experiencing an exponential amount of growth in the coming years.

Article 48 NO Zoning Bylaw Amendment: Ground Cover allowance by Special Permit in the Village Residential District

This article would allow a 2.5% increase in groundcover for the Village Residential District as long as that additional groundcover is under 16 feet in height. This article would increase the footprint and massing of houses in a district that covers most of Madaket, a small portion of Milestone and the beginning of Polpis Road, and the end of Hummock Pond Road. We don't see any logical reason to support the article. We are concerned and confused with the Planning Board's intent by submitting this article.

Article 49 YES Zoning Bylaw Amendment: Add Language to the Flex (Cluster) Development Provisions

This article would bolster the quality of the open space to be protected within a cluster development and more properly align itself with the intent of the state law and local bylaw.

Article 51 NO Zoning Map Change LUG 2 to LUG1 Masaquet Avenue

This article would increase development on one lot by changing the minimum lot size from 80,000 square feet to 40,000 square feet. This article has been defeated numerous times at past Town Meetings. The Planning Board has again put forth a positive recommendation for this citizen's article.

Article 52 NO Zoning Map Change LUG 2 to LUG 1 56 South Shore Road

This article would increase development on one lot by changing the minimum lot size from 80,000 square feet to 40,000 square feet. This article would continue to extend the zoning creep down South Shore Road.

Article 59 Ban on Herbicides and Pesticides containing Glyphosate

While we support the overall intent of the article, the legality of it is questionable due to overriding State law that prohibits municipalities from regulating herbicides and pesticides. Further, the proposed glyphosate ban would most likely cause individuals to use more environmentally damaging products. A ban would also prohibit the use of glyphosate for invasive species control projects that are critical to the environmental restoration of degraded habitats.

Articles 60 YES Environmental Resolution

We wholeheartedly agree with the article and oppose offshore seismic testing and offshore oil and gas development.

Article 72 and 78 YES Real Estate Conveyances to Various Conservation Groups

These parcels of land are appropriate for open space protection.

Articles 85 and 86 NO Real Estate Conveyance Sandwich Road

This article is completely contrary to the purposes of the Yard Sale Program and is clearly proposed only to increase the potential building footprints of the abutting lots.

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