



2020 Annual Town Meeting
Saturday, April 4th at 9am
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 4th 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 14 YES Appropriation: Improvements to Children's Beach Stormwater Pump Station

The Land Council supports this appropriation to improve the management of stormwater from this large catchment area including Lily Park and Brant Point. The Children's Beach pump station is critical to alleviate flooding and for appropriate treatment of stormwater before it enters the harbor.

Article 30 YES Nantucket Islands Land Bank Financing

The Land Council supports the Land Bank's request for the Town's continued full faith and credit backing on future borrowing that enhances their ability to purchase land for open space, agriculture and recreation.

Article 47 YES Zoning Map Change R-20 to R-40 at Bayberry Lane/Rugged Road

The Land Council supports the Planning Board's effort to work with the Bayberry Lane community. This article would increase the minimum lot size from 20,000 sq ft to 40,000 sq ft memorializing existing conditions in response to residents' requests.

Article 48 YES Zoning Bylaw Amendment Swimming Pools

The Land Council supports this Planning Board article. In certain neighborhoods swimming pools exacerbate stormwater runoff, increase flooding and can detract from the quality of life for other residents. We are also concerned about the maintenance of pools and their impacts on water resources.

Article 39 through 45 YES Zoning Map Change Various RC/RC-2 Properties

The Land Council supports the Planning Board's continued effort to eliminate the RC/RC-2 zones and replace them with more appropriate zoning areas.

Article 55 NO Zoning Map Change VN to VR at Polpis Road and Chatham Lane

The Land Council does not support this zoning change which would create significant subdivision and building potential contrary to the Country Overlay District of the subject properties. This change would decrease minimum lot area from 20,000 sq ft to 10,000 sq ft and increase ground cover from 10% to 30%.

Article 56 NO Zoning Map Change LUG-2 to R-20 (LUG-1) at 25 Rugged Road

The Land Council does not support this zoning change which represents a "Spot Zone" for a single lot, decreasing minimum lot size from 80,000 sq ft to 20,000 sq ft allowing additional subdivision. The sponsor stated a willingness to amend the article for a change to LUG-1 (40,000 sq ft), which is still inappropriate.

Article 57 NO Zoning Map Change LUG-3 to LUG-1 at Driscoll Way

The Land Council does not support this zoning change which represents a "Spot Zone" for a single property owner decreasing minimum lot size from 3 acres to 1 acre allowing the existing 3 lots to be divided into 9

conventional lots. While the existing lots throughout Tom Nevers vary considerably in size, the Tom Nevers Association has created an area plan and specifically voted not to support any zoning changes that increase subdivision potential.

Article 60 NO Rural Affordable Development

The Land Council supports the Planning Board's motion not to adopt this article. While we support efforts to create affordable housing, it is inappropriate to allow additional subdivision to this extent, which includes new market rate lots, in areas of the island where the infrastructure does not exist to accommodate it.

Article 61 YES Coastal Erosion Liability Waiver

The Land Council supports the protection of the Town against any liability from the development of coastal and shorefront properties that are prone to impacts from erosion and/or storm damage.

Article 72 & 73 YES Single Use Plastics Ban

The Land Council supports the expansion of strategies to reduce unnecessary plastic use on the island.

Article 79 YES Gas Powered Leaf Blowers

The Land Council supports the sponsor's intention to move away from carbon producing fossil fuels and incorporate cleaner energy uses on the island.

Article 82 Sewer Map Change at 320R Milestone Road

The Land Council recognizes this property is within the Sconset Wellhead Protection District and extending sewer here alleviates groundwater concerns. The extension will also result in a significant increase in development potential for this lot. We encourage the Town and community to consider the additional impacts that come with enabling population increase when sewer districts are extended.

Article 84 NO Sewer Map Change at 18 Kimball Avenue

The Land Council supports the Board of Sewer Commissioners' recommendation not to adopt this sewer map change. Extending sewer to this property will enable additional growth and development, and there are no benefits for groundwater or other water resources.

Article 88 Sewer Map Change Correia Lane

The Land Council recognizes this property is within Miacomet Pond's Watershed and extending sewer here alleviates groundwater concerns. Town infrastructure is not currently available to receive these properties. The Town and community should also recognize the increased development intensity that results from extending sewer and consider how best to address additional impacts from this increased intensity.

Article 97 Home Rule Petition: Prohibiting Glyphosate

While we support the overall intent of the article, we support the Finance Committee's motion to take no action. Further, the proposed glyphosate prohibition would most likely cause individuals to use more environmentally damaging products. It would also prohibit the use of glyphosate for invasive species control projects that are critical to the environmental restoration of degraded habitats.

Article 98 YES Long Term Lease for Solar Facilities

The Land Council supports the Town's pursuit of energy efficiency through the installation and operation of solar facilities on Town owned land.

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