

Town of Mashpee

Select Board / Town Manager’s Office

Mashpee Town Hall

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Mashpee, MA 02649

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Instructions/Forms for Submission of Petition Articles for Town Meeting Warrant

The attached forms are intended to facilitate and clarify the process and format for submitting a petition article for insertion into a warrant for the Annual Town Meeting or a Special Town Meeting, and should be used for all petition article submissions per Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 39, Section 10\*:

* Ten (10) registered voters of the Town may submit a petition article for inclusion in the *Annual* Town Meeting warrant;
* One-hundred (100) registered voters of the Town may submit a petition article for inclusion in a *Special* Town Meeting warrant;

\**If the procedure set forth in G.L. Chapter 39, Section 10 is not followed, a petitioned article shall not appear on the Town Meeting Warrant unless the Select Board votes to place the article on the Warrant.\**

* Two-hundred (200) registered voters of the Town may submit a petition to call a Special Town Meeting.

Proponents of a petition article are encouraged to secure more signatures than necessary, in the event the signatures are disqualified for any reason (i.e. non-registered voter, ineligible signature, etc.). The Town encourages petitioners to consult with an attorney to ensure the wording is in proper form to be considered by Town Meeting. The Town’s attorney is not available to the public for this purpose. **The article will appear on the Town Meeting Warrant EXACTLY as submitted, including spelling and punctuation.**

**A petitioned article shall only be withdrawn from the Town Meeting warrant by the petitioners prior to the Select Board’s execution of the warrant.**

The article will be subject to review by the Select Board and Finance Committee. The Planning Board reviews all zoning articles. Town Counsel will review submitted petition articles and opine as to their legal effect. The lead petitioner of each petition article will be notified of the date of a hearing or deliberation by the appropriate Town Board. If the respective Town Board supports the article, the Town will prepare the motion for consideration by Town Meeting. The lead petitioner is responsible for moving the article at Town Meeting.

You may copy the petition page as needed to secure enough signatures. Each separate signature page shall have the language of the proposed article appearing thereon.

In addition to submitting the attached forms to the Select Board/Town Manager’s Office by the announced deadline for any Town Meeting, it is required that the petition article wording be e-mailed as a WORD document to Administrative Assistant Terrie Cook at [tmcook@mashpeema.gov](mailto:tmcook@mashpeema.gov)

Petition Article Contact Information Sheet

This form must be submitted with each petition article.

Date:

Title/Subject Matter of Petition Article:

Contact information for the lead petitioner:

Name:

Street Address:

Phone:

Email Address:

Explanation, in fifty (50) words or less, for petition.

(Will be included on the Town Meeting Warrant)

# For Select Board Use Only – Do Not Write In This Area

Date petition article submitted (***cannot be withdrawn***):

Date signatures verified by Town Clerk:

The following Board/Committee(s) will comment on this article:

\_\_\_\_\_Select Board \_\_\_\_\_Finance Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Planning Board

**PETITIONERS ARTICLE FOR MASHPEE TOWN MEETING**

Date received in the Town Clerk’s Office

Date received in the Select Board’s Office

We, the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Mashpee, hereby petition the Select Board pursuant to MGL Ch. 39, § 10 to insert the following article into the Warrant for the: (check one)

\_\_ Annual Town Meeting

\_\_ Special Town Meeting

\_\_ or to call a Special Town Meeting which would include this petition article

To see if the Town will vote to

, or take any other action relating thereto. Submitted by Petition

Explanation:

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For Office Use Only

I hereby certify that the above \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ names are those of registered voters in the Town of Mashpee.

Number of names- use words and numbers

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Deborah F. Dami, Town Clerk