

**FINANCE COMMITTEE
TOWN OF NATICK
MASSACHUSETTS 01760**

October 07, 2004

Town Meeting Members and Citizens of Natick:

In an effort to expedite information to Town Meeting members, the Finance Committee submits the following preliminary report of recommendations on the 2004 Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles. Specifically, please find attached a copy of the warrant articles and a spreadsheet summarizing our recommendations on many of the warrant articles requesting Town Meeting's approval for appropriation. Such recommendations include Fiscal Year 2005 budget adjustments, capital equipment and capital improvement funding, among other monetary requests by municipal departments and citizen petitioners. In addition, the attachment contains recommendations on most of the non-financial 2004 Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles. These recommendations are provided consistent with the Natick Home Rule Charter and Natick By-laws regarding Finance Committee responsibilities.

Each of these recommendations were made after the Finance Committee conducted a duly noticed public hearing and open meetings. We took into account comments and data gathered from article sponsors, Town department heads, the Town administration, Town boards and commissions, citizen petitioners and the public at-large. The Finance Committee made its recommendations after affording ample time for public input and discussion during meetings held on September 21st, 28th, 30th and October 5th.

We intend to forward Town Meeting members a more comprehensive report of our findings and recommendations, including votes and supporting information gathered during the recent warrant hearing and Finance Committee meetings. Town Meeting members should expect to receive such in the coming days.

As always, we thank you for your support.

Respectfully Submitted,

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