

TOWN OF NORTON

PETITION FOR CALLING A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING FOR THE PURPOSES STATED BELOW

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See Attached

Creation of Finance Appointing Committee

Contact name, address and phone number: MARK SWEENEY

14 LAURA LANE NORTON 508-642-9398

INSTRUCTIONS TO SIGNERS

For your signatures to be valid you must be a registered voter in the town named above and your signature should be written as substantially registered. If you are prevented by physical disability from writing, you may authorize a person to write your name and residence in your presence.

SIGNER'S STATEMENT

We, the undersigned, are qualified voters of the Town of NORTON, and in accordance with the provisions of the law request a special town meeting for the purpose stated above.

	Signature	Printed Name	Address
1		MARK SWEENEY	14 LAURA LANE
2		Michael Took	53 Lincoln St
3		Steve Hornsby	66 Pine St.
4		Susan Mackey	66 Pine St.
5		JASIA MACKEY	66 Pine St
6		Robert Kimball	51 PINE ST
7		LOREINHARD DR. →	
8		HAROLD T. O'DETTE Paula Kimball	51 Pine St
9		Esther L. O'Dette	10 Reinhard Dr
10		John R. Hay	61 Burt St.
11		Michael Bernstein	6 Carpenter Rd.
12		Garry Howe	46 Burt St
13		WILLIAM WESTCOTT	7 FURST LANE.
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	Signature	Printed Name	Street Address
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WARNING -Criminal penalty for unlawfully signing, altering, defacing, mutilating or destroying this petition: fine of up to \$1,000 or imprisonment for one year

INSTRUCTIONS TO REGISTRARS

Check against the names of each qualified voter certified. For names not certified use code below.

Draw a line through any blank spaces not containing a signature Each check must be certified by three registrars

Certified (13) Thirteen
Norton, Bristol

N - No such registered voter at this address

S - Unable to identify signature or address as that of a voter because of form of signature or address

- Already signed the petition

Quinn Longquist
Director of Registrar
David A. Thomas

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Proposed Creation of Finance Appointing Committee

Charter Change Proposed

To see if the Town will, pursuant to G.L. c. 43B, §10, vote to amend the Town Charter by creating a "Finance Appointing Committee" to appoint members of the Finance Committee, by inserting the underlined text and deleting the strike through text, as follows:

1. Chapter C, Article 2, Section 2-3 Committees:

(b) Finance Committee. There shall be a Finance Committee, the members of which shall be appointed by the Finance Appointing Committee Moderator. The number of members on the committee, the term of office and any other conditions of appointment or service as may be deemed necessary or desirable shall be established by bylaw. The subject matter of all proposals to be submitted to a Town Meeting by warrant articles shall be referred to the Finance Committee by the Select Board within five business days following their receipt by the Select Board. The Finance Committee shall report its recommendations on every article contained in a Town Meeting warrant, in writing. Provisions for the distribution of such report shall be made by bylaw. Before preparing its recommendations, the Finance Committee shall hold one or more public hearings to permit public discussion of the subject matter of all articles contained in the warrant, excepting the election of officers, if applicable. The Finance Committee shall have such additional powers and duties as may be provided by general law or by bylaw.

2. Chapter C, Article 3, Section 3-5 Town Moderator:

(b) Powers and duties. The Town Moderator shall be the presiding officer of the Town Meeting, as provided in Section 2-2, regulate its proceedings and perform such other duties as may be provided by general law, by Charter, by bylaw or by other Town Meeting vote.

The Moderator shall ~~appoint will serve as the chair~~ of the Finance Appointment Committee and shall appoint all other standing committees of the Town Meeting, and all committees authorized by the Town Meeting for a primarily legislative purpose.

Bylaw Change Proposed

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Bylaws, Chapter 20, Article II, §20-8 Appointment; Vacancies, by deleting the existing language in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

- A. There shall be a 5-member Finance Appointing Committee, with the Town Moderator serving as Chair, and four additional members, each to be a member of, and designated by, respectively, the following boards: Select Board, School Committee, Planning Board, and Board of Assessors. No later than May 15, in any year, each such board must file with the Town Moderator and Town Clerk the name of their respective designee; notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, however, if, by the close of business on May 15 in any year the boards listed herein fail to designate a member to serve on the Finance Appointing Committee, or fail to file such designation with the Town Clerk, the remaining members of the Finance Appointing Committee may appoint any registered voter of the Town to serve as a member of the Finance Appointing Committee for a period of one-year, at which time, the respective board can designate one of its members to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.
- B. Finance Committee members shall be appointed for rotating terms of three years, with such terms beginning on July 1 and expiring on the 30th day of June three years later. The Finance Appointing Committee shall, in addition to making appointments to fill expired terms, fill any vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.

And, to implement the vote taken hereunder, the Finance Appointing Committee shall appoint Finance Committee member(s) to fill any terms expiring on June 30, 2022, and any vacancies arising following the effective date of this act.