



Town of Bernardston

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PETITION TO INSERT A WARRANT ARTICLE FOR AN ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – TOWN OF BERNARDSTON

ATTENTION REGISTRARS: Before certifying signatures, see Instructions to Registrars on reverse side of this paper.

PETITIONER INFORMATION

GUIDELINES TO CITIZEN PETITIONERS:

1. Under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 39, Section 10, ten (10) registered voters of the Town of Bernardston may submit a Petition Article for inclusion at the Annual Town Meeting.
2. Citizen Petitioners who want to bring a Warrant Article before the Annual Town Meeting are encouraged (not required) to speak with the Town Administrator, the Selectboard or other relevant elected or appointed Town officials, or Town member bodies that might have oversight on an article subject matter.
3. The first signature on the Citizen Petition will be considered the **Primary Article Sponsor**, a spokesperson who generally represents the Article at the Annual Town Meeting. The Article Sponsor is responsible for being the petition’s point of contact for future activity and action with the petition.
4. Proponents of a Citizen Petition Articles are encouraged to secure more signatures than necessary.
5. The Article will appear on the Town Meeting Warrant exactly as submitted.
6. Articles seeking a change to Zoning Bylaws **require a Public Hearing** with the Bernardston Planning Board.

DO NOT ALTER THIS PETITION PAPER IN ANY WAY. ADDITIONAL MARKINGS MAY DISQUALIFY ANY SIGNATURES ON THIS PAPER.

DEADLINES:

1. Citizen Petitions for proposed Warrant Articles must be received by the Selectboard **no later than 4:00pm, April 1st, 2024.**
2. Upon receipt, the Selectboard will forward the Citizen Petitions for Warrant Articles to the Town Clerk for certification the next business day.
3. Citizen Petitions will be returned to the Selectboard Office upon certification.

ON AT LEAST ONE OF THE NOMINATION PAPERS, HAVE THE REGISTRARS COMPLETE AND SIGN THE CERTIFICATE OF VOTER REGISTRATION WHICH IS PRINTED ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS PAPER.

PRINT OR TYPE ALL THESE ENTRIES

Name of Person Designated as Primary Article Sponsor	Address of Primary Article Sponsor	Telephone Number and/or Email address for purposes of communication regarding this petition	Name for Reference to this Petition

Please sign: I _____ the above named Primary Article Sponsor agrees to serve in that capacity.

Please print below or attach to this paper the exact wording of the desired warrant article:

This is (Check One): a Non-Binding Resolution _____ a Town By-law / Regulation _____ a Financial Matter _____

SIGNER INFORMATION: INSTRUCTIONS TO SIGNERS.

For your signature to be valid you must be registered voter in the **Town of Bernardston** and your signature should be written as clearly as possible and substantially as registered.

If you are prevented by physical disability from writing, you may designate another person to write your name and residence in your presence.

SIGNERS’ STATEMENT: We, the undersigned, are qualified voters of the Town of Bernardston and in accordance with the provisions of law, support the warrant article named and printed above (in detail or by reference) to be inserted in the Warrant for the 2024 Annual Town Meeting.

	Check	I. SIGNATURE to be made in person with name substantially as registered (except in case of physical disability as stated above)	II. NOW REGISTERED AT - street number, street, apartment number if any, in the Town of Bernardston, MA 01337
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Warning – criminal penalty for unlawful signing, altering, defacing, mutilating, destroying, or suppressing this nomination paper: fine of up to \$1,000 or imprisonment for up to one year.

INSTRUCTIONS TO TOWN CLERK: You must time-stamp or write in date and time these papers are received.

Fill in and sign Petition Sponsor Certificate of Registration on at least one of the petition papers.

Check thus ✓ against the name of each qualified voter to be certified.

Draw a line through any blank spaces not containing signatures

For name not certified use the following code:

- N- no such registered voter at that address, or address is illegible
- S- unable to identify signature as that of voter because of form of signature, or signature is illegible
- T- already signed nomination papers for this candidate.

PETITION SPONSOR CERTIFICATION OF REGISTRATION: I hereby certify that the above named petition sponsor is a registered voter in the Town of Bernardston. _____ 2024

Bernardston Town Clerk

<p>CERTIFICATION OF NAMES/SIGNATURES: On _____ 2024. I Certify that [number] _____ above signature checked thus ✓ are the names of qualified voters from the Town of Bernardston</p> <p>The Town Clerk’s name must be signed below:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Bernardston Town Clerk</p>
