Town of Hamilton Annual Town Meeting April 7, 2018

Citizens Petitions:

Citizens' Petition Appropriation for Legal Fees

"To see the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for legal fees and expenses of Peter Clark, Claudia Woods Estin and Edwin Howard in their capacities as members of the Town of Hamilton Planning Board in Varsity Wireless Investors, LLC, v. Town of Hamilton, Town of Hamilton Planning Board, and Claudia Woods, Brian Stein, Peter Clark, Rick Mitchell, Edwin Howard, Bill Olson, and Richard Boroff in their capacities as members of the Town of Hamilton Planning Board, Civil Action No. 1:17-cv-11286 (MLW) in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, or take any other action thereon or relative thereto."

Citizens' Petition Retention of Counsel for Planning Board

"To see if the Town will engage special town counsel to represent the Planning Board's denial of the Application of Varsity Wireless Investors, LLC for a special permit in Varsity Wireless Investors, LLC v. Town of Hamilton and Claudia Woods, Brian Stein, Peter Clark, Rick Mitchell, Edwin Howard, Bill Olson, and Ricard (sic) Boroff in their capacities as members of the Hamilton Planning Board, Civil Action No. 1:17-cv-11286 (MLW) in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, and in any subsequent or related litigation involving the denial of the application of Varsity Wireless Investors, LLC, for a special permit, or take any other action thereon or relative thereto."

Citizens' Petition Report to Town

"To see if the Town will make inquiry into the hiring of special counsel to represent the Town but not to represent the Planning Board or the members of the Planning Board who have been sued in Varsity Wireless Investors, LLC v. Town of Hamilton, and Claudia Woods, Brian Stein, Peter Clark, Rick Mitchell, Edwin Howard, Bill Olson, and Ricard (sic) Boroff in their capacities as members of the Hamilton Planning Board, Civil Action No. 1: 17-cv-11286 (MLW) in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts; require that a written report of that inquiry be made to a subsequent special or annual town meeting, and require a full accounting of all expenditures by the Town to Town Counsel or special town counsel in connection with the Application of Varsity Wireless, LLC for a special permit and any subsequent litigation resulting therefrom, or take any other action thereon or relative thereto."

Citizens' Petition Taxation of DCR Property

"To see if the Town will take any action, including an amendment to the Town By-laws (see Appendix A) to clarify that residence-only leases of property owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts are properties leased or occupied for public purposes within the meaning of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 2B (or any successor statute); and/or take any other action relative thereto."

Citizens' Petition Town Manager Salary in FY'18

"To see if the Town will reduce the annual appropriation of funds for compensation of the Town Manager for the period of employment beginning on or after February 9, 2018 by twenty percent (20%) from the amount appropriated for town manager compensation for fiscal year 2018 at the 2017 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action thereon or relative thereto."

Citizens' Petition Zoning Bylaw Amendment Table of Use Regulations

"To see if the Town will amend Section 3 of the Zoning By-Law by deleting paragraph A.7 of the Table of Use Regulations which states '7. Two or more dwelling units, second floor and above when part of a mixed-use building or development – to be permitted as follows: R-1a-N; R-1b-N; RA-N; B-Y or take any other action thereon or relative thereto."