WARRANT ARTICLE EXPLANATIONS
FILED BY PETITIONERS FOR THE
APRIL 9, 2019 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE 1
Submitted by: Human Resources

This article is inserted in the Warrant for any Town Meeting when there are unsettled labor contracts. Town Meeting must approve the funding for any collective bargaining agreements. Since this article has been filed the Town has reached an agreement with the Police union.

ARTICLE 2
Submitted by: Select Board

The Select Board filed this article to correct the deficiencies present in the citizen petitioned article filed under the other Special Town Meeting. The Board believes this language meets the intent of the petitioned article while providing proper legal language that allows for broader use, funding, and acquisition of part or all of the Newbury College Campus.

ARTICLE 3
Submitted by: Select Board

After the citizen-initiated petition on Newbury College was filed, a group of residents tried to file a companion resolution. It was determined that no additional articles could be submitted in a citizen petitioned Town Meeting. As a result, the Select Board agreed to sponsor the resolution and include it under this Special Town Meeting. The following is the explanation submitted with their resolution:

The Newbury College campus has enormous potential benefits and opportunities for meeting many current municipal and other needs, as well as “future-proofing” the Town of Brookline for generations to come. Located in the geographic center of Brookline, the Newbury College property is surrounded by safe streets, and has ample existing off-street parking. It is well-situated to address north, south and central school capacity needs.

The news of the Newbury College sale has sparked town-wide interest in acquiring this nearly 10-acre site, adjacent to Brookline’s newest park, Fisher Hill Park.

The acquisition of the Newbury College campus is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that needs to be pursued by the Town of Brookline as quickly as possible.