

OFFICE OF THE SELECT BOARD

MEMORANDUM

TO: Each Member of the Board
FROM: Melissa Goff, Deputy Town Administrator
RE: **A Fourth Special Town Meeting**
DATE: 9/15/23

After the warrant was executed for the Third Special Town Meeting it was noted that the H-MSO properties at JFK Crossing were erroneously left out of the article. Since the warrant was executed, and out of an abundance of caution, we are recommending filing a new warrant article under a Fourth Special Town Meeting in order to make sure the petitioner's proposal for the Harvard Street Zoning achieves its purpose of mandating ground floor commercial throughout Harvard Street. STM3-1 will no longer need to be moved.

The Board will need to take a vote calling for a Special Town Meeting that waives the requirements of Sections 2.1.2 – 2.1.3 of the Town's By-Laws. The requirements being waived are:

1. posting notice of the Board's intention to hold a Special Town Meeting at least 14 days prior to the opening of the warrant (Section 2.1.2); and
2. closing the Warrant 75 days prior to the start of the Special Town Meeting (Section 2.1.3).

The Board does have the authority to waive these requirements under Section 2.1.4:

"The requirements of sections 2.1.2 through 2.1.4, inclusive, may be waived when the Select Board determine that emergency conditions, or a situation requiring immediate actions or the provisions of any general or special law require such a waiver."

The recommended votes are as follows:

VOTE TO CALL SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

VOTED: To call a Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 8:10 p.m. at the High School Auditorium and via Zoom; to waive the requirements of Sections 2.1.2 through 2.1.4 of the Town's By-Laws; to open and close the Warrant; and to insert in the said Warrant the following article:

ARTICLE 1:

To see if the Town will:

INSERT WARRANT ARTICLE INCLUDED IN PACKET

VOTED: To execute the Warrant for the November 14, 2023 Fourth Special Town Meeting.

Commented [JS1]: I never saw the original STM3-1 Memo, but make sure this article includes all parts of the re-zoning, not just the Harvard Street piece.