

Article 15 Citizen's Petition: Instruct the Planning Board regarding MBTA Communities Act Zoning

RECOMMENDED that the Town vote No.

COMMENT: The above article, as the previous, was brought forward by the above-named Citizens of the Town pursuant to the Town of Milton Bylaws, for consideration at the 2025 February Special Town Meeting.

The Warrant Committee is well aware that Town Meeting serves as the Town's legislative body. Town Meeting approves the various budgets, bylaws and in some circumstances, the general parameters of Town policy. Town Meeting, however, cannot interfere with the administrative functions of an elected committee or board within the Town and cannot require specific action. In other words, Town Meeting, an elected body, cannot compel another elected body to act. Doing so would violate the principles of separation of powers.

The Warrant Committee respectfully recommends a NO vote on this citizen's petition. Approval by Town Meeting of this citizen's petition is not formally binding and would have no effect on the Planning Board.