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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN OF DUXBURY

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

WARRANT

MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019

AT 7:00 P.M.

DUXBURY SCHOOLS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

73 ALDEN STREET

**Plymouth, SS
Greetings:**

To either of the Constables of the Town of Duxbury, in said County:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to NOTIFY and WARN the INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF DUXBURY, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet in the Duxbury Schools Performing Arts Center, 73 Alden Street, in said Duxbury on MONDAY, the TWELVTH day of AUGUST, 2019, next, at 7:00 P.M. for a SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, for the transaction of any business that may legally come before said meeting:

ARTICLE 1 – ACCEPTANCE OF SECTION 17C OF CHAPTER 90 OF THE GENERAL LAWS

To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 17C of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, which would authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish a speed limit of 25 miles per hour on any roadway in thickly settled or business districts within the Town that is not a state highway in the interests of public safety, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: The purpose of this article is to accept the provisions of Section 17C of Chapter 90 of the General Laws which will authorize the Board of Selectmen to “establish a speed limit of 25 miles per hour on any roadway inside a thickly settled or business district in the city or town on any way that is not a state highway.” The term “thickly settled or business district” is defined at G.L. c.90, §1 as “the territory contiguous to any way which is built up with structures devoted to business, or the territory contiguous to any way where the dwelling houses are situated at such distances as will average less than two hundred feet between them for a distance of a quarter of a mile or over.”

Recommendations: *Board of Selectmen Voted 3-0 to Recommend*
Finance Committee Voted 5-0 to Recommend

ARTICLE 2 – ACCEPTANCE OF SECTION 18B OF CHAPTER 90 OF THE GENERAL LAWS

To see if the Town will vote to accept section 18B of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, which would authorize the Board of Selectmen to establish designated safety zones on, at or near any way in the Town which is not a state highway, and with the approval of the MassDOT Highway Division if the same is a state highway, with a speed limit of 20 miles per hour, or take any other action relative thereto.

Proposed by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation: The purpose of this article is to accept the provisions of section 18B of Chapter 90 of the General Laws to authorize the Board of Selectmen to “establish designated safety zones on, at or near any way in the city or town which is not a state highway, and with the approval of the department if the same is a state highway.” It provides that such “safety zones shall be posted as having a speed limit of 20 miles per hour.”

The Department of Transportation manual regarding speed regulations sets forth safety zone regulations and states that “Speed limits within a Safety Zone must be set at 20 mph and are intended to be used in areas where vulnerable road users are likely to be present, such as parks and playgrounds, senior citizen housing and centers, hospitals or other medical facilities, high schools and higher education centers, and daycare facilities. (Section 9.c)” It goes on to state, however, that “to establish a Safety Zone, the following minimum criteria should apply:

- The street should be adjacent to a land use that is likely to attract vulnerable road users.
- The Safety Zone should contain one or more areas that have potential conflicts between motor vehicles and vulnerable road users that warrant a reduction in speeds such as crosswalks, driveways, or side streets.

- The minimum length of the Safety Zone should be at least $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile and it should not extend more than 500' beyond a side street unless an applicable land use continues along the adjacent block.

Regulatory speed limit signs, including Safety Zone speed limit signs, are required to conform to the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, per MGL c. 85 § 2. Therefore, an engineering study must be performed to validate the posting of signage. The engineering study must “include an analysis of the current speed distribution of free-flowing vehicles.”

***Recommendations: Board of Selectmen Voted 3-0 to Recommend
Finance Committee Voted 5-0 to Recommend***

AND YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED TO SERVE THIS WARRANT by posting attested copies thereof as prescribed by M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 10 and by Chapter 2, Section 2.3 of the Town of Duxbury General Bylaws, and by publishing a copy of this Warrant in a Plymouth County Newspaper, as prescribed by Article 2, Section 2.3 of the Duxbury By-Laws, at least fourteen (14) days before the time of holding said Meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of this meeting.

Given under our hands this 15th day of July, 2019.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



David J. Madigan, Chair



Theodore J. Flynn, Vice-Chair




Shawn Dahlen, Clerk

Plymouth ss:

July 17, 2019

Pursuant to the warrant I have this day notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Duxbury, herein described, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes as described by the By-laws of the Town.

**A TRUE COPY
ATTESTED**


CONSTABLE OF DUXBURY