

## PETITION FOR TOWN MEETING ACTION

**PETITION CONTACT INFORMATION**

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**WE, THE UNDERSIGNED RESIDENTS AND REGISTERED VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF \_\_\_\_\_ DO HEREBY SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING PETITION FOR TOWN MEETING VOTE:**

To see if the Town will vote to **register and disseminate to all concerned its objection, opposition and commitment to stop the construction of any portion of the 1200 Megawatt High Voltage Direct Current Transmission Line in the Town of \_\_\_\_\_ as presently proposed by Northeast Utilities, NStar and Hydro-Quebec since such a huge scar constructed and erected through and above the Town's treasured residential and scenic private properties will cause inestimable damage to the orderly economic development of the Town, its economy, and the health and wellbeing of its residents;**

or to take any other action relative thereto.

\*THE FIRST SIGNATORY ON THE FIRST PAGE OF THE PETITION IS THE PETITIONER OF THE ARTICLE AND WILL BE LISTED AS SUCH ON THE TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

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**For additional signatures if needed**

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**Updated June 2008**

OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

MEMORANDUM

TO: Town Meeting Members and Interested Citizens

FROM: Melissa Arrighi, Assistant Town Manager

RE: Placing an Article on a Town Meeting Warrant

Any citizen that wishes to place an article on a town meeting warrant for consideration by Town Meeting members must follow the procedures listed below. Please refer to the Town Charter and Bylaws for general town meeting procedures.

1. Prepare a petition with a clear statement of the intent of the petitioners, specifically, the exact wording for which you seek Town Meeting's approval. Please find a sample form attached for this purpose. A clear statement with the required signatures is acceptable. It is advisable that a private attorney review the proposed petition language prior to submittal.
2. Solicit 10 signatures for an article to go before the Spring or Fall Annual Town Meeting or 100 signatures for an article to go before a Special Town Meeting. Those signing the petition must be registered voters of the Town of Plymouth. It is recommended that you obtain several more signatures than the number required as some signatures may not be able to be certified due to illegibility or the fact that signers may not be registered to vote in Plymouth.
3. Please be sure that a contact person is indicated on any petition so that the petitioners know when their article will be discussed prior to town meeting. The contact person is not considered the petitioner, however, the petitioner of an article is the first signer listed on the petition. Please be sure to include the contact information and the article language on each petition sheet submitted in support of your proposed article.
4. Submit the signed petition to the Town Clerk's Office by the deadline established prior to town meeting. The deadline for warrant articles for the Annual Town Meeting is the last Wednesday of the previous November. The deadline for any Special Town Meeting warrant is set when the Special is called.
5. The Town Clerk will submit the signatures for verification and certification by the Board of Registrars.
6. Prior to town meeting, petitioners will be contacted to present their articles to the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory and Finance Committee.
7. Petitioners will also be expected to attend town meeting to present their article and/or respond to questions.
8. If your petition recommends a bylaw change, it is advised that you meet with the Department Head whose department is involved in the bylaw and the Bylaw Review Committee. The Bylaw Review Committee's contact information is on the town's website under the Town Clerk's Office (appointed officials).