

SECTION 11. Said subsection (d) of said section 5.4 of said article V of said charter is hereby further amended by striking out the words “not less than 75 days after such certification date” and inserting after the words “the Select Board shall” the following words:- not less than 75 days after such certification date.

SECTION 12. Subsection (f) of said section 5.4 of said article V of said charter is hereby amended by inserting after the words “For the recall of (name” the following words:- and title.

SECTION 13. Said subsection (f) of said section 5.4 of said article V of said charter is hereby further amended by inserting after the words “Against the recall of (name” the following words:- and title.

SECTION 14. Article VI of said charter is hereby amended by striking out Section 6.6 in its entirety.

ARTICLE 79

(Home Rule Petition: An Act Prohibiting the Application of Fertilizer in the Town of Nantucket)

To see if the Town will vote to request its representatives in the General Court to introduce special legislation, the text of which is set forth below, prohibiting the application of fertilizer in the Town of Nantucket except for farming purposes, and to authorize the General Court, with the approval of the Select Board, to make changes of form to the text thereto as may be necessary or advisable in order to accomplish the intent and public purpose of this legislation in order to secure passage

An Act Prohibiting the Application of Fertilizer Used in the Town of Nantucket Except for Farming Purposes

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

Section 1. There is sound scientific evidence to conclude that nitrogen and phosphorus in fertilizers are contaminants that negatively affect fresh and salt waters when present in excessive amounts. These excessive amounts of nitrogen and phosphorus contribute to undesirable algae and aquatic plant growth within all Nantucket water bodies. This undesirable algae and aquatic plant growth has an adverse effect on public health through the degradation of waters used for drinking water, shell fishing, and recreational swimming and boating.

Section 2. It is necessary to prohibit the application of fertilizer that contains phosphorus and nitrogen so as to improve the water quality of the Town of Nantucket. The soils of Nantucket are unique insofar as Nantucket has significant amounts of coarse, sandy soils that are subject to rapid water infiltration, percolation and leaching of nutrients, and such unique local conditions require that Nantucket prohibit the application of nitrogen and phosphorus added to soils through the application of

fertilizers. This Act should help Nantucket to achieve compliance with the Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) prescribed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for nitrogen and phosphorus in its waters.

Section 3. Notwithstanding any General or Special law to the contrary, including but not limited to any General or Special law conferring exclusive authority upon the Department of Agriculture to regulate and control the application of fertilizers elsewhere in the Commonwealth, the application of fertilizer containing nitrogen or phosphorus, or any other pollutants in the Town of Nantucket, is hereby prohibited.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon passage.

Or to take any other action related thereto.

(Joseph Minella, et al)

FINANCE COMMITTEE MOTION: Moved that the Town's representatives to the General Court are hereby requested to introduce legislation as set forth below; and, that the General Court, with the approval of the Select Board, make constructive changes in the text hereof as may be necessary or advisable to accomplish the intent of the legislation in order to secure its passage, as follows:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REGULATION OF NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT AND FERTILIZER IN THE TOWN NANTUCKET

Be it enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 9 and 10 of chapter 262 of the Acts of 2012 or any other general or special law, the deadline for the adoption of any rule, regulation, or by-law relative to nutrient management and fertilizer guidelines adopted in the Town of Nantucket under chapter 561 of the acts of 1973, shall be extended for a period of two years after the effective date of this act. Such rule, regulation or bylaw shall not be less restrictive than regulations adopted by the department of agricultural resources under section 1 of chapter 262 and shall be done in conjunction with the University of Massachusetts Amherst Extension to ensure any regulations relative to plant nutrients are consistent with the program's published information, educational materials and other public outreach programs relative to nutrient management and fertilizer guidelines.

Section 2. The act shall take effect upon passage.

ARTICLE 80

(Home Rule Petition: Historic District Commission - Solar)

To see if the Town will vote to request its representatives in the General Court to introduce special legislation, the text of which is set forth below, to amend Chapter A301 Special Acts Article II Section 9(b) the Historic District Commission in the Town of Nantucket, and to authorize the General Court, with the approval of the Select Board, to