

Petition to Insert an Article in a Town Meeting Warrant

Petitioner hereby requests the Boxborough Board of Selectmen to:

- Place the following article on the Annual Town Meeting warrant [**10 signatures required**]

Article wording:

ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT

To see if the town will vote to amend the Boxborough Zoning Bylaw by adding a definition for Life Sciences and to change a footnote in the Use Regulations as follows:

Add to Definitions:

Life sciences. Advanced and applied sciences that expand the understanding of human physiology and have the potential to lead to medical advances or therapeutic applications including, but not limited to, agricultural biotechnology, biogenetics, bioinformatics, biomedical engineering, biopharmaceuticals, biotechnology, chemical synthesis, chemistry technology, diagnostics, genomics, image analysis, marine biology, marine technology, medical devices, nanotechnology, natural product pharmaceuticals, proteomics, regenerative medicine, RNA interference, stem cell research and veterinary science. (M.G.L, Chapter 130 of the Acts of 2008). Facilities that utilize animal testing of products are not included in this definition.

Under Article IV USE REGULATIONS – 4003(4) BUSINESS/INDUSTRIAL USES, change footnote 3 on page 18 to read as follows:

3. Provided that hazardous materials are not a primary part of the business *and provided that use of animals in research, development, testing, or for any other purpose is not any part of the business.*

Summary:

These changes to the zoning bylaw would prohibit the use animals in research and testing laboratories in order to protect the town’s environment and ground water from hazardous chemicals and infectious disease agents.

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