

Petitioners Article for the 11/6/23 Special Town Meeting

"To determine whether the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Select Board (i) to explore all options for a new fire station within the previously identified response time circle, other than 139 The Great Road, including the suggestions of the firefighters union for renovating 55 The Great Road, (ii) to advertise for proposals to determine what interest there is in selling property within the response time circle, and (iii) to work with the Fire Station Building Committee, PMA Consultants, and Kaestle Boos Associates, to assess any and all options and to present a comprehensive plan to the 2024 Annual Town Meeting on the costs and requirements for delivering a new station by the end of calendar year 2025; pass any vote or take any action relative thereto."

This article would provide a path to a viable alternative location in the event that the Historic District Commission determines the exterior architectural features of buildings and structures to be erected within the historic district, which are subject to view from the public street, and/or the proposed alteration of the land and streetscape would be detrimental to the character of the Historic District and to the public interest, contrary therefore to the purpose and mandate of the Acts of 1964 as amended, or in the event of any other impediments that could cause such a delay at the current location as to put the vital project in jeopardy.