

TOWN OF STOW
PETITION FOR ARTICLE FOR
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING (mark one)
To be held 18 September 2023

Date and Time received
by Board of Registrars

OVERVIEW - This is a Citizens Petition to Amend the Town of Stow Zoning By-Law, last Updated May 2021, to include a section titled Firearms Business Zoning (potentially Section 3.8). The detailed content of the Amendment is to be crafted, and or directed, by the Stow Planning Department such as to be consistent with the existing Zoning By-Laws. The existing Zoning By-Laws have no such section, thus making it difficult for Applicant Businesses to know the requirements, and for the Planning Board to render fair decisions. The text below is meant to show typical topics included in By-Laws of other Massachusetts Towns similar in size, and nature, to Stow:

- Purpose and Scope
- Definitions - Firearm, Firearm Business, Firearm Accessory, Ammunition, Gunsmith -
- Applicability - Special Permit Requirement
- Locations
- Procedures - Special Permit Details
- Signage
- Security
- Parking
- Number of Establishments
- Accessory Usage- Permitting
- Termination of Permits - Includes Revocation
- Also - Adds appropriate information to Table of Principal Uses

The Article is to create a Zoning By-Law Amendment and not to propose certain specific content. Typical Town Processes and Protocols for generating, reviewing, and approving the resulting By-Law Amendment will be followed.

Text of the Article

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TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO AMEND THE STOW ZONING BYLAW BY ADDING A SECTION TITLED "FIREARMS BUSINESS ZONING" WITH DETAILS PERTAINING TO SUCH AS DEVELOPED WITH/BY THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT/PLANNING BOARD AND APPROVED THROUGH REQUIRED TOWN PROCESSES.

NOTE: For an Annual Town Meeting, ten registered voters' signatures are required to be certified.
For any Special Town Meeting, one hundred registered voters' signatures are required to be certified.
To Petition the Select Board to hold a Special Town Meeting, two hundred registered voters' signatures are required to be certified.

<p>INSTRUCTIONS TO SIGNERS For your signatures to be valid you must be a registered voter in the town named above and your signature should be written substantially as registered. If you are prevented by physical disability from writing, you may authorize a person to write your name and residence in your presence.</p>	<p>SIGNER'S STATEMENT We, the undersigned, are qualified voters of the Town of Stow, and in accordance with the provisions of the law request an article be placed on the warrant for the next annual/special town meeting for the purpose stated above.</p>
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