

# Sample Example

## Town Meeting Citizen's Petition Article Submission Form

*\*This form is required to be submitted with each article,  
along with a list of the appropriate certified signatures\**

Date received by Town Manager/Board of Selectmen or Town Clerk:

September 8, 2021 9:30am  
Susan E. Copeland



Title/Subject Matter of Article:

Rezone 29 Harvard Road, Lot 35-22, from GR  
(General Residence) to GB, General Business.

### Contact Information:

Name of Submitter:

THEODORE W. MAXANT (29 Harvard Road)

Address:

PO Box 454

Tel. #: 978 857 2516 (CELL)

Email: tmaxant@mac.com

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AYER TOWN CLERK

Proposed Article Language:

(Lot 35-22)

To see if the Town will vote to: Rezone 29 Harvard Rd. From GR to GB. This is in keeping with (consistent) with the zoning of surrounding lot 35-21, 27 Harvard Road. ~~This~~

Brief Summary: (purpose of or reason for the proposed article)

Rezonning lot 35-22 at 29 Harvard Road from GR to GB is more consistent with the abutting properties on Harvard Road, which are zoned for and in commercial use. Rezoning this property is in the public interest by proposing the most rational use of this property. This lot is no longer suitable for residential use given its location.

Funding Amount Needed: \$ - N.A. -

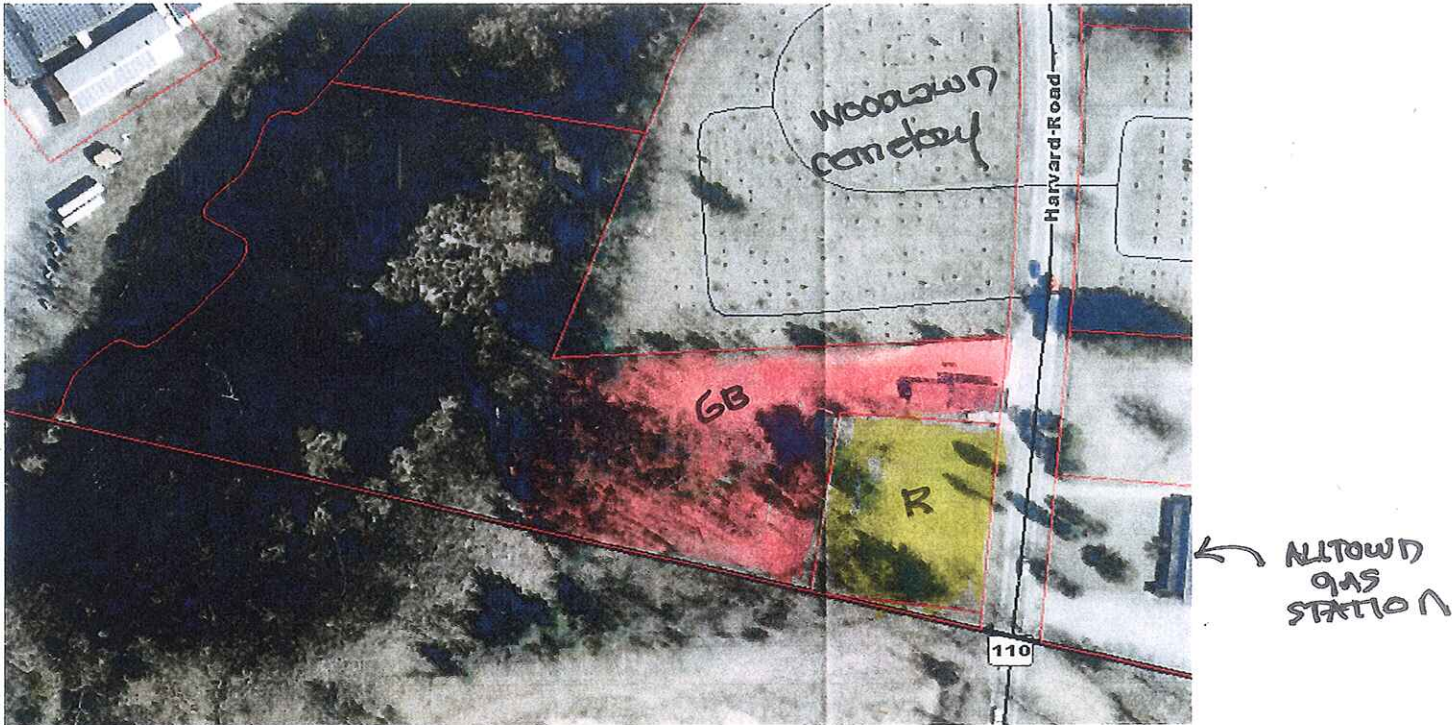
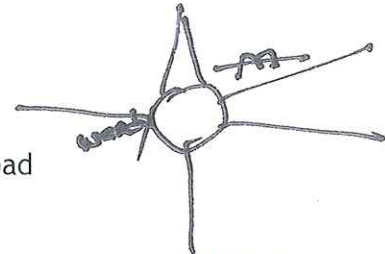
Recommended Funding Source: - N.A. -

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TOWN CLERK

Memorandum

To: Carly Antonellis, Asst. Town Manager  
From: Mark Archambault, Ayer Town Planner  
Re: Rezoning request of Theodore Maxant lot at 29 Harvard Road  
Date: December 22, 2020



Mr. Theodore Maxant has approached the Town Planner several times in the last three years inquiring about rezoning his property at 29 Harvard Road (the small box lot above) from General Residence to General Business.

27 Harvard Road, immediately to the north and the site of a former gas station, is zoned General Business, which is more in keeping with the character of this part of Ayer on the Ayer / Harvard boundary line. Mr. Maxant also owns this lot, which is now deed restricted after his sale of the property across Route 110 / Harvard Road to the Global Montello corporation, which has opened a full-service gas station and convenience store on that site. Due to non-competition clauses in the sale agreement and deed (as he told me), he is limited in his choice of commercial activities in any case, though certainly the small parcel at 29 Harvard Road is perhaps best not suited to residential use, given its location in a rapidly developing commercial corridor just south of the Carlton Rotary in Ayer.

We (the Town of Ayer) would like to know what is involved in such a Zoning change, whether it would constitute 'Spot Zoning', and how best to proceed to enable a warrant article for such rezoning to be considered at the April Annual Town Meeting, if possible. Though the Town Planner has brought many Zoning Bylaw amendments to Town Meeting over the last several years, this is the first rezoning per se.

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*Susan E. Popeland*  
AYER TOWN CLERK

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AR to GB

Attach any relevant documentation (quotes, memos, proposed language, etc.)

Submit this document to Select Board/Town Manager's Office  
Or Office of Town Clerk

\*ATM – 10 Certified Signatures Required

\*STM – 100 Certified Signatures Required (new forms must be used if numbers of signatures exceed allotted lines)

Petition articles will be printed in the warrant verbatim, so citizens are asked to review the forms and instructions carefully,

Certification of names by Registrars: Date: September 10, 2021

We certify that

(143) One hundred and forty-three  
Number of names certified-use numbers and words

Above signatures checked thus  are the names of qualified voters from this town.

Registrars of Voters Ayer

*Susan E. Copeland*

*Rachael C. Wilson*  
*Kathleen A. O'Connor*  
*Pauline W. Kelly*

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