

# Upton Center Revitalization – Needs YOU!

**Please attend the May 2, 2019 Annual Town Meeting 7PM NIPMUC auditorium**

Three (3) articles are to be presented by the Economic Development Committee for consideration and approval. Condensed versions of the articles appear below. Many town boards, committees, and citizens have been involved working to prepare information and plans for revitalizing our downtown area. Please see [www.ImagineUpton.com](http://www.ImagineUpton.com) for information. Questions or ideas can be sent to [economicdevelopment@uptonma.gov](mailto:economicdevelopment@uptonma.gov)

**ARTICLE 32:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow the sum of Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000)

Explanation: The Economic Development Committee is requesting funding for activities such as engaging consultants for the revitalization process, performing structural engineering assessments, hazardous materials testing, wetlands surveys, etc.

Recommendation: Favorable Action Finance Committee

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**ARTICLE 33:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the vision for a revitalized Upton Center developed as prepared by the Upton Center Revitalization Workgroup.

Explanation: Working with a consultant, town residents volunteered to participate in several working group sessions aimed at revitalizing Upton Center. The result of this work is a shared vision for Upton Center.

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**ARTICLE 34:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell, lease or otherwise convey, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 30B, the land and all improvements thereon, located at 3 Milford Street and 2 Grove Street in the best interests of the Town, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute any and all instruments, including deeds, leases or other agreements, and take all other actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the vote taken hereunder; or, to take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: To sell 3 Milford Street, Holy Angels Church and the municipal parking lot in order to facilitate the development of the Town's center in accordance with the vision developed by the residents, volunteers and the Economic Development Committee

Recommendation: Favorable Action Finance Committee/Capital Budget Committee

Benefits: *An improved Upton Center, tax revenue from business lessens burden on residential tax rate, development with a vision in mind, private funding/NOT taxpayer funded.*