



TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH

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To the Residents of Northborough

Subject: Support for Town Articles #37 and #38 Regarding Health and Human Services

Dear Residents,

The Northborough Board of Health supports Town Articles #37 and #38 to reorganize our Health Department and Family Youth Services into one consolidated Health and Human Services (HHS) department. This strategic move is intended to strengthen our town's capabilities in delivering critical public health and human services efficiently and effectively, without increasing the annual budget.

Articles #37 and #38 highlight notable overlaps in the initiatives of the current Health Department and Family Youth Services (FYS) department, particularly in areas like mental health and substance use prevention. This reorganization is designed to reduce redundancies, increase capacity for innovative programs, improve essential collaboration across departments, and close critical service gaps. The ultimate goal is to provide a more coherent and effective delivery of services to our community.

Unifying the Health Department with Family Youth Services is an evidence-based approach to improving our community's public health and human services infrastructure. The Health and Human Services model will create a cohesive, healthier, and more resilient Northborough.

We encourage all residents to support articles #37 and #38 at the April 22, 2024, annual town meeting.

Sincerely,

The Northborough Board of Health