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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: John Bilafer
DATE: February 2, 2017
SUBJECT: Finance Reorganization

I served as the elected Town Treasurer/Collector of Taxes from 1972 to 2005 (33 years). Since my retirement in 2005, the duties and responsibilities within the treasury department have become increasingly complex and varied requiring greater cooperation and integration among the town's other financially related departments. Therefore, I believe it to be important that the Treasurer/Collector position be filled with an appointed finance professional serving under a Director of Finance within the structure of a finance department.

The Town of Arlington is perhaps the only Massachusetts municipality which maintains a comprehensive scholarship awards program administered within the Town Treasurer's Department. Since its inception in the 1980's the *Dollars for Scholars* program has provided scholarship aid to thousands of Arlington residents. In the event the continuation of this scholarship program as currently constituted is not required as a condition of employment for the next and future treasury appointees, it is requested that I be notified of that fact prior to the discussion of this matter at town meeting.