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To: Select Board

Cc: Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager
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Resident and Committee Petitioners

From: Douglas W. Heim, Town Counsel

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Re: STM Warrant Articles 8 and 25

I write to provide the Select Board a summary of the above-referenced 2020 November Special Town Meeting warrant articles to assist in the Board's consideration of these articles at its upcoming hearings on October 19, 2020. Three of these articles represent matters which appeared in sum and substance on the 2020 Annual Town Meeting Warrant, but were not taken up due to the limitations upon the 2020 Town Meeting caused by the COVID-19 State of Emergency. Of those articles previously discussed to varying degrees by the Board, two (Articles 5 and 6) are presented with changes in form and substance to their prior iterations.

ARTICLE 8

ACCEPTANCE OF LEGISLATION/BYLAWAMENDMENT/ MUNICIPAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND

To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws c. 44 § 55C, to authorize the creation of a Municipal Affordable Housing Trust Fund to support the development of affordable housing in Arlington, establish a new bylaw for the administration of same; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board)

The Housing Plan Implementation Committee will report on this article, including with any recommended vote before the Board at its next meeting.

ARTICLE 25

RESOLUTION/BLACK LIVES MATTER BANNER AT TOWN HALL

To see if the Town will vote to or take any action related thereto: Be it hereby resolved, that it is the will of Town Meeting that the Town of Arlington continue to display a Black Lives Matter banner on Town Hall until such time as Town Meeting recommends its removal, or takes any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Katell Gullec and 100 registered voters)

This new article for the Board's consideration proposes to have Town Meeting resolve to support the continued display of a "Black Lives Matter Banner" on Town Hall until such time as Town Meeting recommends its removal. As the Board knows, the display of banners and flags on our outside Town Hall is a matter within the Select Board's jurisdiction, and Town Meeting may not direct the Select Board or Town personnel on such a score. Town Meeting may however resolve to express its collective will or opinion on a subject outside of its powers and authorities.