

Arlington Town Meeting —Motion

ARTICLE NO. 17

Dated: Nov. 4, 2020

I, A. Michael Ruderman, do hereby submit the following Motion:

VOTED: To amend the Zoning Bylaw in Section 3.1.B. by appending to the end of this section the sentence: “No such permit shall be issued until the Building Inspector finds that the applicant is in compliance with the applicable provisions of Title VI, Article 7 of the Town Bylaws.”

Discussion: Title VI, Article 7 of the Town Bylaw refers to the Arlington Residential Construction Notification, also known as the Good Neighbor Agreement, which was adopted by Town Meeting in 2017. The Good Neighbor Agreement applies to particular instances of residential construction, demolitions, open foundation excavation, new construction, and large additions. It requires the contractor provide notification to abutters within a set period of time prior to activities which would trigger the bylaw, including tree removal.

Since 2017, the Good Neighbor Agreement has not been consistently employed or enforced, even with the provision for a fine of \$200 per day for violations.

This substitute motion makes observance of the Good Neighbor Agreement, in the situations where it would apply, one of the requirements for obtaining a building permit from the Building Inspector (whose authority to issue permits is created in the Zoning Bylaw section 3.1, paragraphs A and B.)

Signed:

A. Michael Ruderman

A. Michael Ruderman, Precinct 9

Date Voted: _____

Action Taken: _____