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**From:** Beth Melofchik <tankmadel@yahoo.com>

**To:** mkrepelka@town.arlington.ma.us <mkrepelka@town.arlington.ma.us>

**Sent:** Monday, March 9, 2020, 7:45:05 AM EDT

**Subject:** Please support Article 17, Monday March 9, 2020

Select Board

Arlington MA

Dear Select Board,

I write to urge you to review and support proposed Article 17 to study the feasibility of creating a Civilian Police Advisory Board to give Arlington residents a way to more effectively monitor our police force and to provide residents with a venue for filing complaints about police misbehavior. Such boards have been adopted in nearby [Cambridge](#) and in [Springfield](#). And even [Boston](#) has an ombudsman to handle complaints against police and [Brookline](#) has its own process..

This would be a constructive step to make progress after previous missteps.

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*Depar*

**Brookline Police Department,  
MA - Offic...**

**ARTICLE 17**

**VOTE/ESTABLISHMENT OF POLICE CIVILIAN ADVISORY BOARD STUDY COMMITTEE**

To see if the Town will vote to form a committee of Town Meeting to study, craft and submit a Warrant Article to Town Meeting in 2021 for the creation of an Arlington police civilian advisory board comprised of seven (7) voting members and three (3) non-voting members, or take any action related thereto. The study committee would make decisions based on the vote of a simple majority of the committee's voting members who shall be appointed to the committee by: the Envision Arlington Standing Committee (1); the Arlington Human Rights Commission (1); the LGBTQIA & Rainbow Commission (1); the Disability Commission (1); the Board of Youth Services (1); the Equal Opportunity Advisory Committee (1); and the Town Moderator (1). Non-voting members of the committee shall include one (1) representative from the Arlington Police Department, the Town's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Coordinator, and the Town Counsel. The membership of the study committee's voting members will include at least one Town Meeting member and shall reflect racial/ethnic and other forms of diversity of Town residents.

(Inserted at the request of Jordan Weinstein and ten registered voters)

Thank you  
Respectfully,  
Beth Melofchik  
Russell Street  
Town Meeting Member

**From:** Peter Katzin <p\_katzin@yahoo.com>

**To:** mkrepelka@town.arlington.ma.us

**Date:** 03/09/2020 11:18 AM

**Subject:** ARTICLE 17: VOTE/ESTABLISHMENT OF POLICE CIVILIAN ADVISORY BOARD STUDY COMMITTEE

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Dear Select Board Administrator Krepelka,

I am writing to voice my strong support for a civilian advisory committee as proposed in the warrant article 17 submitted by Jordan Weinstein. It is important we make sure that all town officials, and the police force in particular, exhibit an inclusive attitude and are perceived to profess and provide fair and unbiased regulation enforcement for all members of our community regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, or country of origin.

Yours truly,

Peter Katzin

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Arlington, MA 02474

**From:** Damon <bosetti@gmail.com>

**To:** mkrepelka@town.arlington.ma.us

**Date:** 03/09/2020 09:13 AM

**Subject:** Support for Article 17 - VOTE/ESTABLISHMENT OF POLICE CIVILIAN ADVISORY BOARD STUDY COMMITTEE

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Dear Ms. Krepelka,

I am writing to register my support for Jordan Weinstein's proposed warrant article #17. I continue to be fearful that someone who expressed views like Lt Pedrini did remains on our police force, authorized to use deadly force. And I am frustrated that our Town could only muster a weak demonstration of disapproval without any consequences that would serve as an example for others. A civilian advisory board will begin the work of true accountability for our police force.

Thank you,  
Damon Bosetti  
22 Yale Road