



Town of Arlington Select Board

Meeting Agenda

March 1, 2021

7:15 PM

Conducted by Remote Participation

1. Executive Order on Remote Participation

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Minutes of Meetings: February 8, 2021

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS / OTHER BUSINESS

3. Discussion: Mugar Property
John V. Hurd, Chair

WARRANT ARTICLE HEARINGS

4. Articles for Review:
 - Article 80 Resolution/Facilities Department Report/Clarify Responsibilities Track Progress of the Department of Facilities and Maintenance (tabled from 2/22/2021 meeting)
 - Article 87 Resolution/Overnight Parking Waiver for Residents of Multi-Family Dwellings in Precinct 4 (tabled from 2/22/2021 meeting)
 - Article 88 Resolution/Resident Parking Program for Precinct 4 (tabled from 2/22/2021 meeting)
 - Article 90 Resolution/Program to Install Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (tabled from 2/22/2021 meeting)
 - Article 91 Resolution/Declare Climate Emergency in the Town of Arlington (tabled from 2/22/2021 meeting)
 - Article 6 Bylaw Amendment/CPAC Member Term Limits
 - Article 15 Bylaw Amendment/Domestic Partnerships
 - Article 18 Vote/Appropriation/School Committee Member Stipends

NEW BUSINESS

Next Scheduled Meeting of Select Board March 8, 2021

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Topic: Select Board Meeting

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Town of Arlington, Massachusetts

Executive Order on Remote Participation

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**ORDER SUSPENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS
OF THE OPEN MEETING LAW, G. L. c. 30A, § 20**

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting pursuant to the powers provided by Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950 and Section 2A of Chapter 17 of the General Laws, declared that there now exists in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a state of emergency due to the outbreak of the 2019 novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, many important functions of State and Local Government are executed by "public bodies," as that term is defined in G. L. c. 30A, § 18, in meetings that are open to the public, consistent with the requirements of law and sound public policy and in order to ensure active public engagement with, contribution to, and oversight of the functions of government; and

WHEREAS, both the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health ("DPH") have advised residents to take extra measures to put distance between themselves and other people to further reduce the risk of being exposed to COVID-19. Additionally, the CDC and DPH have advised high-risk individuals, including people over the age of 60, anyone with underlying health conditions or a weakened immune system, and pregnant women, to avoid large gatherings.

WHEREAS, sections 7, 8, and 8A of Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950 authorize the Governor, during the effective period of a declared emergency, to exercise authority over public assemblages as necessary to protect the health and safety of persons; and

WHEREAS, low-cost telephone, social media, and other internet-based technologies are currently available that will permit the convening of a public body through virtual means and allow real-time public access to the activities of the public body; and

WHEREAS section 20 of chapter 30A and implementing regulations issued by the Attorney General currently authorize remote participation by members of a public body, subject to certain limitations;

NOW THEREFORE, I hereby order the following:

(1) A public body, as defined in section 18 of chapter 30A of the General Laws, is hereby relieved from the requirement of section 20 of chapter 30A that it conduct its meetings in a public place that is open and physically accessible to the public, provided that the public body makes provision to ensure public access to the deliberations of the public body for interested members of the public through adequate, alternative means.

Adequate, alternative means of public access shall mean measures that provide transparency and permit timely and effective public access to the deliberations of the public body. Such means may include, without limitation, providing public access through telephone, internet, or satellite enabled audio or video conferencing or any other technology that enables the public to clearly follow the proceedings of the public body while those activities are occurring. Where allowance for active, real-time participation by members of the public is a specific requirement of a general or special law or regulation, or a local ordinance or by-law, pursuant to which the proceeding is conducted, any alternative means of public access must provide for such participation.

A municipal public body that for reasons of economic hardship and despite best efforts is unable to provide alternative means of public access that will enable the public to follow the proceedings of the municipal public body as those activities are occurring in real time may instead post on its municipal website a full and complete transcript, recording, or other comprehensive record of the proceedings as soon as practicable upon conclusion of the proceedings. This paragraph shall not apply to proceedings that are conducted pursuant to a general or special law or regulation, or a local ordinance or by-law, that requires allowance for active participation by members of the public.

A public body must offer its selected alternative means of access to its proceedings without subscription, toll, or similar charge to the public.


(2) Public bodies are hereby authorized to allow remote participation by all members in any meeting of the public body. The requirement that a quorum of the body and the chair be physically present at a specified meeting location, as provided in G. L. c. 30A, § 20(d) and in 940 CMR 29.10(4)(b), is hereby suspended.

(3) A public body that elects to conduct its proceedings under the relief provided in sections (1) or (2) above shall ensure that any party entitled or required to appear before it shall be able to do so through remote means, as if the party were a member of the public body and participating remotely as provided in section (2).

(4) All other provisions of sections 18 to 25 of chapter 30A and the Attorney General's implementing regulations shall otherwise remain unchanged and fully applicable to the activities of public bodies.

This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded or until the State of Emergency is terminated, whichever happens first.

Given in Boston at 6:40 PM this 12th day of
March, two thousand and twenty.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Charles D. Baker", written in dark ink. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR
Commonwealth of Massachusetts



Town of Arlington, Massachusetts

Minutes of Meetings: February 8, 2021

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Select Board Meeting Minutes

Date: February 8, 2021

Time: 7:15 PM

Location: Conducted by Remote Participation

Present: Mr. Hurd, Chair, Mrs. Mahon, Mr. DeCoursey, Mr. Diggins

Also Present: Mr. Chapdelaine, Mr. Heim, Ms. Maher

Absent: Mr. Curro, Vice Chair

1. Executive Order on Remote Participation

Mr. Hurd opened the meeting by explaining that due to the current State of Emergency, to lower the risk of the spread of COVID-19, the Town has been advised and directed by the Commonwealth to suspend public gatherings, and as such the Governor's orders suspends the requirement of the Open Meeting Law to have all meetings in a public and accessible location. Public bodies may meet entirely remotely as long as the public can access the meeting. The meeting reference materials and how to access the remote meeting are posted on the Town's website. The Chair asked participants that would like to speak, to use their full name rather than a nickname.

Mr. Hurd wanted to go over some business ground rules for effective and clear conduct of the meeting and to ensure accurate meeting minutes:

The Chair will introduce each speaker on the agenda, after they conclude their remarks; Mr. Hurd will ask each member of the Board for their remarks or a motion. Please wait until your name is called. Please remember to mute your phone or computer when you are not speaking and to speak clearly. For any response, please wait until the Chair yields to you and state your name before speaking. Anyone wishing to speak to someone must do so through the Chair.

Mr. Hurd stated that Mr. Curro would not be joining the meeting and has submitted a letter of resignation to the Select Board, which will be effective Friday, February 12th.

2. COVID-19 Update

Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager

Christine Bongiorno, Director of Health and Human Services

Mr. Chapdelaine briefly introduced this agenda item stating that it is still very important to maintain restrictions that have been in place for a long time now to keep people from transmitting the virus. Mr. Chapdelaine explained that they are also transitioning into a time where we're rolling out more and more vaccinations to protect people from the

virus. Mr. Chapdelaine explained that he, Mrs. Bongiorno, and a number of Town staff meet daily to check in on the status of our response to the pandemic. Mr. Chapdelaine would like to compliment Mrs. Bongiorno for doing an exceptional job well done, and continues to be a tremendous leader for this Town on this front and on many fronts.

Mrs. Bongiorno gave a brief overview of the COVID-19 Pandemic starting from the beginning of February 2020 to the present day. Mrs. Bongiorno stated that currently, we are faced with the opportunity to begin vaccinating our communities. Mrs. Bongiorno explained the different stages of the vaccine rollout and stated that Arlington began receiving vaccine to distribute within our community around the first responder category within phase one. We rolled out 600 vaccinations to first responders in our neighboring communities and here in Arlington. Arlington has partnered with Lexington, Belmont, and Watertown to roll out vaccines to first responders we also included other healthcare workers, such as nurses that may have been missed. We then shifted gears and began vaccinating the other groups within phase one as vaccines became available. Mrs. Bongiorno stated that the program started for us in the second week of January, we're now in the second week of February and starting second doses. Mr. Chapdelaine added that collectively between him, Mrs. Bongiorno and other municipalities we continue to advocate at the state level for expanding the role of municipalities in vaccinating its residents.

The Board thanked Mrs. Bongiorno for the update and thanked her and her staff for the amount of time and effort that has gone into helping educate and vaccinate the citizens over the course of the year.

3. Facilities Department Update & Introduction of New Facilities Director

Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager

Jim Feeney, Deputy Town Manager, Operations

Greg Walters, Facilities Director

Mr. Feeney stated that it was wonderful to be a part of the Department during such uncertain times. Mr. Feeney explained that the Facilities Department has done work brought upon by COVID including increased disinfection, repairing and overhauling ventilation equipment. Upgrading HEPA filters procuring and distributing air cleaners and plastic burners, among other things, the Facilities Department had and continues to have a critical role in keeping our building occupants safe and at ease. Mr. Feeney would like to acknowledge all the hard work the men and the women of the facilities department have done to get the schools ready for re occupancy and for keeping them operating. They have also provided assistance to various other departments throughout the various stages of the pandemic. Now, including working alongside DPW to provide safe elections staging and unprecedented outdoor town meeting to supporting COVID testing sites and vaccination delivery at Arlington High School. Mr. Walters, Facilities Director stated that he is very excited to be on board in Arlington and gave a brief

background. Mr. Walters stated that there are many things coming up for the department and is happy to be a part of it.

The Board thanked Mr. Feeney for his work in the Department during this unprecedented time and would like to welcome aboard Mr. Walters in his new role. The Board stated that they are looking forward to all of the things Mr. Walters will bring to the department with his impressive background in the field.

CONSENT AGENDA

4. Reappointments (term to expire 1/31/2024)

Board of Youth Services

Joan Axelrod

Commission on Arts and Culture

Stephanie Marlin-Curiel

Disability Commission

Kerrie Fallon

LGBTQIA+ Rainbow Commission

Brooks Harrelson

5. For Approval: Arlington Reads Together Banners

Anna Litten, Assistant Director, Robbins Library

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion by Mr. Heim.

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. DeCoursey: yes

Mr. Diggins: yes

Mr. Hurd: yes

SO VOTED (4-0)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. 7:30 p.m. RCN Cable Television License Transfer to Stonepeak Associates IV, LLC

Douglas W. Heim, Town Counsel

Mr. Heim stated that by the basic nature of this is only limited to the transfer of this license from one parent company which holds RCN to a new parent company which holds RCN. Mr. Heim stated that the Board has received some information about the applicant that is under the law allowed to be kept confidential because it's preliminary. Mr. Heim explained that things like that are financial in nature, and if the Board has any questions or the public has any questions they should ask the applicant.

Mr. Steele, Vice President and regulatory counsel for RCN stated that they are before the Board to talk about the change of ownership in 2010 RCN was bought by an investment company. The investment company hired a management run the company in 2016 and 2017, they, the company were sold to another investment company, and the management team was asked to stay on. Mr. Steele explained that now in 2021, we have yet another investment company looking to buy their interest in the company. Mr. Steele explained that nothing is going to change from the Boards perspective. However, it is required to have this hearing and seek the Board's approval.

Mr. Nielsen, spoke on behalf of Stone Peak, who is the transferee in this transaction. Mr. Nielsen stated that this is an indirect change of control and the owner of RCN will remain same and RCN will remain a business in the same way it is a business today. Mr. Nielsen explained the application and that the ultimate control goes to Michael Doral, Co-Founder of Stone Peak.

The Board thanked the applicants for their presentation and followed up with some questions. Mr. Heim stated that the applicant is looking for a vote of endorsement

Mrs. Mahon moved approval of the resolution for the consolidated application for consented transfer control of Section 214.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion by Mr. Heim.

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. DeCoursey: yes

Mr. Diggins: yes

Mr. Hurd: yes

SO VOTED (4-0)

APPOINTMENTS

7. Arlington Committee on Tourism and Economic Development

Christopher D'Angelo

James Byrnes

Michelle Deakin

(terms to expire 12/31/2022)

Mr. D'Angelo appeared before the Board and stated that he and his wife are new to the Town of Arlington and he was looking for ways to give back to the community. Mr. D'Angelo stated that in his past role he was working on Capitol Hill and had the opportunity to do a lot of work with the District of Columbia, working in different economic development issues there. Mr. D'Angelo stated that he feels with that background it was a great way to serve the community.

Mr. Byrnes appeared before the Board and stated that he is an Arlington Resident and by day he is an attorney for QuickBooks a small business software. Mr. Byrnes stated that he finds it very enjoyable helping out small businesses, which is why he would like

to serve on this committee. Mr. Byrnes explained that he is excited to share the kind of work he does during the day back into the community.

Ms. Deakin appeared before the Board and stated that she is really excited for the opportunity to serve on this committee to try to get the word out about why other people should spend time here, and money here. Ms. Deakin explained that she is a writer by trade and public relations professional and is currently the communications director for the Massachusetts Legal Assistance Corporation, which provides civil legal aid for low income people in Massachusetts. Ms. Deakin explained that she does a lot of work with websites and social media and thought, I can help Arlington with that I'd be very happy to spend my time doing that.

The Board thanked the applicants for their willingness to serve on this committee and stepping up into this role. The Board stated that they look forward to interacting with them over the years.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion by Mr. Heim.

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. DeCoursey: yes

Mr. Diggins: yes

Mr. Hurd: yes

SO VOTED (4-0)

OPEN FORUM

Beth Melofchik, Russell Street, stated that many of her constituents have lost work and or have reduced income due to COVID. Ms. Melofchik stated that they have heard or read about the recent finance committee meeting and the projected potential override of 13 to \$15 million in 2023 or 2024. Ms. Melofchik questioned whether any budget cuts are being considered and asked whether a portion of the Town Manager's income is being paid by Metropolitan Area Planning Council Metropolitan mayor's coalition.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS / OTHER BUSINESS

8. Discussion: Future Select Board Meetings

The Board voted the following Select Board dates:

March 8, 2021

March 22, 2021

April 5, 2021

April 12, 2021

April 26, 2021

9. Chief Information Officer Search Process

Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager

Mr. Chapdelaine provided the Board with an update on what the Town is contemplating in terms of searching for a new department head. Mr. Chapdelaine stated that David Good has recently retired as the town's Chief Technology Officer; David gave well over a decade of really tremendous service to the Town, and will be sorely missed. Mr. Chapdelaine explained that they are looking to change the title to Chief Information Officer, as opposed to Chief Technology Officer. Mr. Chapdelaine shared the memo before the Board explaining that they are looking to cast a wide net, both from a technology expertise point of view as well as a diversity point of view in terms of attracting candidates. They will go through a multi-step process that is inclusive of IT experts within the community because this is a position that is shared with the schools, much like facilities, the school administration will be included in this process. Mr. Chapdelaine explained that they hope to go through recruitment where we solicit applicants; a screening process, a multi stage interview and panel process, and hopefully have selected candidates sometime by the end of April. Overall, we would like to have someone likely able to start just around the end of the school year just as the transition to the summer is beginning.

The Board thanked Mr. Chapdelaine for his memo and timeline.

Mr. DeCoursey moved receipt of memorandum.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion by Mr. Heim.

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. DeCoursey: yes

Mr. Diggins: yes

Mr. Hurd: yes

SO VOTED (4-0)

10. Discussion and Vote: Town Manager's Contract Renewal

John V. Hurd, Select Board Chair

Mr. Hurd explained that the Town Manager's contract is set to expire on February 11, 2022 by which we would have to notify the Town Manager of our intent to not renew his contract. If the Board does not notify certain provisions would kick in. Mr. Heim stated that the Manager's contract has a built in non-renewal notice timeframe. Mr. Heim explained that if the Board intends to not renew the Town Manager they must give notice, or the manager is entitled to certain amount of severance under this contract. If the Board does intend to renew the manager you can say we intend to renew the manager tonight, and we'll set forth a schedule for discussion of violations and contracts over the course of the upcoming weeks.

The Board finds it an appropriate time for them to start thinking about discussing renewal with the manager. The Board also stated that they are behind on the evaluation process and should move forward with those before the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Heim

stated that no motions are necessary on this particular item tonight if the Board is intending to renew the Manager's contract.

Mr. DeCoursey moved to intend to renew the manager and have discussions with him following the evaluations.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion by Mr. Heim.

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. DeCoursey: yes

Mr. Diggins: yes

Mr. Hurd: yes

SO VOTED (4-0)

11. Discussion and Approval: Second Supplemental Comment Letter to ZBA re
Thorndike Place 40B Application
Douglas W. Heim, Town Counsel

Mr. Heim stated that from what he understands to be the Board's position that, there have been some incremental changes proposed by the applicant but it doesn't change the picture from the Board's perspective on why this project doesn't make sense. Mr. Heim stated that he is happy to receive feedback and make any necessary changes before sending the letter.

The Board would like to continue to respect the ZBA's role and stated that they are the ones that are deciding the comprehensive permit application. These are comments for their consideration but would like to reiterate their opposition to the size and scope of this project and send this along to the ZBA. The Board would like to work into the letter that they encourage the ZBA as part of the deliberations to make a site visit as part of their overall determination as they feel it is helpful in terms of looking at the site and what limitations there are both environmentally and traffic. Mr. Hurd stated that he will connect with attorney Heim to make the final edits, institute some of the suggestions, and get this out to the ZBA

Mr. DeCoursey moved approval of the letter subject to final edits.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion by Mr. Heim.

Mrs. Mahon: yes

Mr. DeCoursey: yes

Mr. Diggins: yes

Mr. Hurd: yes

SO VOTED (4-0)

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

12. Correspondence from Town Counsel
Douglas W. Heim, Town Counsel

Mr. Heim stated that this correspondence can be removed from the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Chapdelaine would like to express a very sincere thank you to the DPW and all the staff who have worked hard over the past couple of weeks with the snow we've received. Mr. Chapdelaine stated that they continue to do a great job and they're very deserving of our thanks and appreciation.

Mr. Diggins would like to acknowledge that Mr. Pooler responded and reported to him regarding a question that he had during the quarterly budget update on blue bikes and they are in fact on budget. Mr. Diggins would like to note that it is Black History Month and it means a lot to him that he is part of a very warm and welcoming community. Mr. Diggins would like to thank Mr. Curro for his work on the Select Board and stated that he is such a warm and loving and wonderful person.

Mr. DeCoursey stated that the link created by Olivia Adams an Arlington resident for Arlington Residents to find more information regarding the vaccines is on the Town's website where it will tell citizens what is available for vaccines in the state. Mr. DeCoursey would also like to thank Mr. Curro for his years of service on the Board. Mr. DeCoursey noted that he served on the school committee for four years and of course on the Select board for nine years and he gave valuable service to the Town. Mr. DeCoursey stated that Mr. Curro was a real resource for him over the years and really enjoyed working with him. Mr. DeCoursey would like to wish Mr. Curro all the best and thank him for everything that he has done both as a colleague and as a leader in this community.

Mr. Hurd thanked Mr. Curro for his years of service to the Town, both as a Select Board member, School Committee Member and beyond. Mr. Hurd stated that he has always looked to him as a resource, and someone to bounce advice off of. Mr. Hurd stated that he always gave him his honest opinion and appreciates all the work that he's done for the Town. Mr. Hurd stated that they need to fill his seat within 30 days under the Town Manager Act and that there's no specific requirement that they must go through. Mr. Hurd stated that at their next meeting the Board will take nominations and vote. If anyone is interested in serving to reach out to the Select Board Office.

Mrs. Mahon questioned if all of the committee member have been appointed to the Police Civilian Review Board. Mr. Hurd explained that the Board has appointed Mrs. Krepelka as their designee for the sole purpose of facilitating the first meeting. Mr. Heim stated that he will work with the Manager and Ms. Roman on an inventory of where we are and who's made all their appointments so we know how close we are because there were so many different appointing authorities, and not one centralized one.

Mr. Diggins moved to adjourn at 9:55p.m.
A roll call vote was taken on the motion by Mr. Heim.

Mrs. Mahon: yes
Mr. DeCoursey: yes
Mr. Diggins: yes
Mr. Hurd: yes

SO VOTED (4-0)

Next Scheduled Meeting of Select Board February 22, 2021

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Ashley Maher
Administrative Assistant

2/8/2021

Agenda Item	Document Used
1	Executive Order on Remote Participation
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3	G. Walters Resume
4	TM Reappointment Reference
5	Banner Request Banner Schedule
6	RCN Transfer Letter and Proclamation
7	ATED Appointment Reference
8	March – April Calendar
9	CIO Recruitment Process
10	Memo to SB Re TM Contract Renewal
11	Letter to ZBA Re Thorndike Place



Town of Arlington, Massachusetts

Discussion: Mugar Property

Summary:

John V. Hurd, Chair

ATTACHMENTS:

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RE: Application for a comprehensive permit for "Thorndike Place"

Dear Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals:

As the Zoning Board of Appeals ("ZBA") continues its work in considering the "Thorndike Place" comprehensive permit application, we write to supplement our previous comments submitted to you in light of three developments: 1) Arlington Land Realty's (hereinafter "The Applicant") most recent revised proposals for a reconfigured project that is slightly smaller than its initial proposal; 2) information provided to this Board by the Arlington Land Trust; and 3) the observations and concerns of members of this Board who have been following the proceedings. In short, while the Applicant's revised proposals address some discrete concerns and presents a modest reduction in the overall scale of the project, this Board does not believe these measures go nearly far enough toward relieving the many fundamental concerns we hold about this development given obvious constraints of the site and its impact on the surrounding neighborhood. As such, we continue to urge the ZBA to continue to scrutinize this application with all available tools and to consider all conditions and qualifications under which any development of this parcel would be truly feasible within the bounds of the law.

Foremost, we note that the Applicant has twice updated its architectural and site plans, reducing the overall number of proposed units to 172 rental units, chiefly by eliminating their previously proposed twelve (12) Townhouse ownership units. To our understanding, the Applicant has also modestly reduced the overall size of the proposed apartment building and moved most of its parking spaces underground in order to re-site the building further away from the delineated wetlands. While this revised plan reduces the scope of the proposed project, the overall project remains far too large for this Board's comfort, principally due to continued concerns about the impacts of a 172-unit building with parking in a wetlands-sensitive neighborhood prone to flooding before adding the significant development of what is now open space.

It bears noting that the piece removed from earlier proposals – 12 townhouses – removes the only aspect of the project consistent with the character of the neighborhood, and removes a pathway to affordable ownership in Arlington, as opposed to affordable rental units. This change also raises serious doubt whether the project as currently revised would have received approval

from MassHousing if it was the subject of the initial project eligibility submission given the lack of any continuity with the neighborhood and the massing that is now proposed on Dorothy Road.

In its project eligibility letter dated December 4, 2015, MassHousing cited the presence of the townhouses extensively in support of its finding that the then proposed project design was “generally appropriate for the Site.”¹ Without the townhouses, no justification exists for any finding of compatability with the surrounding neighborhood. Moreover, the proposed relocation of the apartment building with direct frontage on Dorothy Road only magnifies incompatibility.² Accordingly, the Select Board urges the ZBA to consider incorporating in its decision any revisions the Applicant made to the proposed project since initial submission that conflict with the project eligibility approval findings.

With respect to traffic, this Board recalls that in the project eligibility phase, the Applicants represented both to the Select Board and MassHousing, that their plans included off-ramp access on Route 2. However, at this juncture, it is clear that such a proposal is not now (and perhaps never was) feasible and remains absent from the application before you. Instead, nothing has been done to address the fact that every car accessing Thorndike Place will navigate two narrow residential streets – Littlejohn Street and Dorothy Road (the locus approximately 42 total two-family and single-family homes) in order to access Lake Street, one of Arlington’s busiest streets during commuting times. While the Applicant has stressed the proximity to Alewife as a means of reducing the additional vehicular traffic on these streets, the means by which such direct access will be made available without requiring the Town to accept and maintain undevelopable portions of the so-called Mugar woods remains unclear.³ As proposed at this juncture, common sense dictates that the increased level of traffic and the uncertainties over how residents of the proposed project will access to public transport persist as serious health and safety concerns for your deliberations.

With respect to this Board’s deep and persistent concerns about the impact of this project on the wetlands and therefore flooding conditions in East Arlington, we are encouraged by your refusal to waive many of the Wetlands Bylaw requirements, including flood water storage requirements. However, we remain highly skeptical of the Applicant’s claims that development will not negatively impact surrounding homes and natural resources. Significantly, we recall that the Applicants had previously claimed that remediation of a berm and other conditions in the wetlands would significantly improve conditions for both the project site and the neighborhood

¹ For example, at Page 8 of the Eligibility Letter, MassHousing found that “Buildings have been sited with the goal of minimizing impacts on the surrounding streetscape, with the townhouses located along Dorothy Road, closest to the Site entrance, and the larger building set back to minimize its observable bulk.” That is no longer the case following the recent revisions.

² We note that MassHousing denied a request for project eligibility in 2017 for a similarly sized project to Thorndike Place on grounds that included the lack of continuity and compatibility with the surrounding neighborhood. (See attached Medfield Meadows denial letter dated January 31, 2017).

³ The Applicant has suggested that it is gifting property to the Town in the interests of conservation efforts, but as this Board has noted to the Applicants, such parcels are in very poor condition for pedestrian access or any of other purpose and, due to the presence of hazardous materials, in need of significant remediation, which would be absolutely necessary before the Town could entertain acceptance of such land in this Board’s view.

generally, but no mention of these remedial measures has been made within their revised proposal.

Furthermore, while it is our understanding that the ZBA cannot apply standards or regulations not in place at the time of the application's filing in 2016, the concerns expressed by the Arlington Land Trust, the Conservation Commission, and members of the public, particularly with respect to expected worsening flooding conditions due to climate change are shared by this Board.⁴ We therefore, continue to hope that you will strenuously apply all legally permitted tools to examine this revised proposal's impacts on the wetlands, habitats therein, and the surrounding area. We also believe that a site visit for members of your Board would be valuable to your examination and framing the issues presented by the stie.

Finally, the Select Board must continue to stress its support for enhancing access to affordable housing. Indeed, this Board recently provided a letter of support to MassHousing for a similarly-scaled c. 40B project located off of Massachusetts Avenue. However, in contrast with the revised proposal before you, the site locus of that project *decreases* the amount of impervious surface in the area, creates more green space, has ready access to Massachusetts Avenue (and public transportation), and incorporates, rather than circumvents, many of the Town's long-term planning documents.

As with our previous comments to the ZBA, we re-affirm our respect for the authority of the ZBA, its processes, and your service in light of the difficult tasks before you. As such we submit these additional comments as an expression of our collective opinion in the interests of informing your questions, contemplation of conditions, and development of the best decision possible. We trust that you will continue to avail yourselves of all the resources needed to support your process and your eventual decision, and continue to direct Town officials, through the Town Manager, to provide whatever you need in furtherance of same as appropriate.

In conclusion, we respectfully register our continued concern that the Applicant's original, revised, and further revised submissions fail to reassure this Board that a project of this scope on such a problematic site is feasible or appropriate for Arlington. We ask you continue your efforts to enforce all applicable rules and regulations to ensure that the laudable goal of increasing access to affordable housing is consistent with the health and safety needs of the Town.

Thank you for your consideration of the above comments and your continued service to the Town.



John V. Hurd, Select Board Chair

⁴ In addition to concerns over flooding of the LittleJohn and Dorothy neighborhood, the scale and locus of this proposal also raises regional environmental and traffic concerns about flooding on Rt. 2.



Town of Arlington, Massachusetts

Articles for Review:

Summary:

Article 80 Resolution/Facilities Department Report/Clarify Responsibilities Track Progress of the Department of Facilities and Maintenance
(tabled from 2/22/2021 meeting)
Article 87 Resolution/Overnight Parking Waiver for Residents of Multi-Family Dwellings in Precinct 4 (tabled from 2/22/2021 meeting)
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Article 15 Bylaw Amendment/Domestic Partnerships
Article 18 Vote/Appropriation/School Committee Member Stipends

ATTACHMENTS:

Type	File Name	Description
Reference Material	W.A._Text.pdf	Warrant Article Text Memo from Town
Reference Material	Memo_from_Legal_Department_to_Select_Board_re_2021_Annual_Town_Meeting_First_Batch_of_Articles_for_Hearing.pdf	Counsel W.A. #80, 87, 88, 90, 91
Reference Material	Town_Counsel_Memo_re_Warrant_Articles_6__15_and_18.pdf	Memo from Town Counsel W.A. #6, 15, 18
Reference Material	10_Registered_Voter_Letter.pdf	10 Registered Voter Letter
Reference Material	W.A._80_Facility_Maintenance.pdf	W.A. #80 Reference B. Thornton
Reference Material	W.A._#80_J._Feeney_Reference.pdf	W.A. #80 Facilities Department Comments
Reference Material	W.A._#91_Reference_P._Wilde.pdf	W.A. #91 Reference P. Wilde
Reference Material	W.A._#15_Comment_from_Rainbow_Comm.pdf	W.A. #15 Rainbow Commission Comments
Reference Material	W.A._#18_Reference_C._Kelleher.pdf	W.A. #18 Reference C. Kelleher

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REPORT/CLARIFY RESPONSIBILITIES, TRACK PROGRESS OF THE
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(Inserted at the request of Parke Wilde and ten registered voters)

ARTICLE 6**BYLAW AMENDMENT/CPAC MEMBER TERM
LIMITS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Title II Article 12 (“Community Preservation Act Committee”) Section 1(c) of the Town Bylaws remove term limits for CPAC at-large members, and replace it with a provision for member removal based upon a majority vote of the member’s appointing authority; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

ARTICLE 15**BYLAW AMENDMENT/DOMESTIC
PARTNERSHIPS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Title I of the Town Bylaws to add a new provision to formally acknowledge domestic partnerships; define the parameters of domestic partnerships in Arlington, provide an opportunity to register such partnerships at the Office of the Town Clerk; and afford the ability to obtain a certificate attesting to their status; and share in certain rights and benefits conferred under such status under the Bylaw; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board at the request of the Rainbow Commission)

ARTICLE 18**VOTE/APPROPRIATION/SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER
STIPENDS**

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to M.G.L. c. 71 Section 52 to provide all Arlington School Committee Members compensation consisting of an annual stipend of \$3000 per member commencing in Fiscal Year 2023; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Christa Kelleher and ten registered voters)



**Town of Arlington
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Cc: Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager
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Resident and Committee Petitioners

From: Douglas W. Heim, Town Counsel & Michael Cunningham, Deputy Town Counsel

Date: February 17, 2021

Re: Warrant Articles 12, 13, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, and 91

The Legal Department writes to provide the Select Board a summary of the above-referenced 2021 Annual Town Meeting warrant articles to assist in the Board's consideration of these articles at its upcoming hearings on February 22, 2021. As the Board will recall, where draft motions appear, new or additional language is underscored, while removed language is provided in "strikethrough." The majority of the articles for your consideration on the 22nd are resolutions, which the Board understands are generally speaking advisory statements, policy positions, or affirmations of Town Meeting sometimes outside the scope of the Meeting's regular jurisdiction, rather than binding, legally enforceable ordinances.

**ARTICLE 12 BYLAW AMENDMENT/CHANGING COLUMBUS DAY TO
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY**

To see if the Town will vote to celebrate and recognize the heritage of the peoples indigenous to Massachusetts and Arlington by amending Title I, Article 6: Classification and Compensation Plans and Human Resource Bylaw, Section 16, Holidays, to rename “Columbus Day” as “Indigenous Peoples Day”; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board at the request of the Arlington Human Rights Commission)

This Article, inserted at the request Arlington Human Rights Commission, seeks to amend the Town Bylaws to rename the federal and state holiday known as “Columbus Day” to “Indigenous Peoples Day”. The holiday falls annually on the second Monday in October. It is expected that a member of the Human Rights Commission or a designated proponent will set forth the full reasoning for the proposed Bylaw change, including the stated purpose “to celebrate and recognize the heritage of the peoples indigenous to Massachusetts and Arlington...”

It is noted that Columbus Day has been celebrated unofficially in the United States since the early 18th century, and was officially proclaimed a federal holiday in 1937, with official designation as the second Monday in October established in 1971. In Massachusetts, G.L. Part I, Title I, chapter 4, section 7, clause 18 sets aside the second Monday of October as a Massachusetts state holiday, and G.L. Part I, Title II, chapter 6, section 12V provides that the Governor declare that day to be Columbus Day. It is likely that if the proposed Bylaw change is adopted, it would not conflict with Massachusetts state law. State law indicates that the governor’s proclamation of the second Monday in October as Columbus Day only include a statement “recommending that it be observed by the people.” Specifically, and more completely, M.G.L. c. 6, §12V sets out:

“[t]he governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart the second Monday in October as Columbus Day and recommending that it be observed by the people, with appropriate exercises in the schools and otherwise, to the end that the memory of the courage, perseverance and spiritual fervor of Christopher Columbus, discoverer of America, may be perpetuated.” Accordingly, the permissive language of the statute does not appear to create a conflict with the proposed Town Bylaw change to rename “Columbus Day” as “Indigenous Peoples Day”.

It is further noted that several cities and towns in Massachusetts, including Amherst, Brookline, Cambridge, Great Barrington, Northampton, Somerville and Salem (celebrates both)

have passed Resolutions in recent years that recommend observance of Indigenous Peoples Day in place on Columbus Day on the second Monday in October. Our research has not revealed that this has been done previously by Bylaw change. Rather, recent changes by other municipalities have been made by Resolution. Legislation was filed at the state level in Massachusetts in 2019 to have the governor issue a proclamation setting forth the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples Day, instead of Columbus Day, but it not pass into law. The legislation was refiled On February 4, 2021 in the new legislative session and has been designated as SD. 664.

One further point for the Board's consideration should be that the bylaw change should take care to note that the observance of Indigenous Peoples Day would not add a new holiday for observation by Town employees. Rather, for employee purposes, it would stand in the place of any state or federal observance of "Columbus Day."

If the Board is inclined to endorse this article, an appropriate motion would be:

VOTED: That Title I, Article 6, Section 16 ("Holidays") of the Town Bylaws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Section 16. Holidays

(ART. 44, ATM –06/16/97) (ART. 17, ATM – 05/30/07)

In order to qualify for holiday credit, a regular employee shall have worked on the last regularly scheduled work day prior to, and the next regularly scheduled work day following such holiday, unless it is an absence for which compensation is payable as provided under this by-law.

The following days in each year shall be considered as holiday credits:

<i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>Labor Day</i>
<i>Martin Luther King Day</i>	<i>Columbus Day <u>Indigenous Peoples Day (known as the state and federal holiday "Columbus Day")</u></i>
<i>Washington's Birthday</i>	<i>Veterans' Day</i>
<i>Patriot's Day</i>	<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>
<i>Memorial Day</i>	<i>Christmas</i>
<i>Independence Day</i>	<i>Christmas Eve Day if same Falls on a Monday Through Friday</i>

Whenever a holiday falls on Saturday, another working day off with pay shall be arranged at the discretion of the department head. Good Friday shall be considered as half day holiday credit. The day following Thanksgiving shall be treated as a holiday unless an employee is scheduled to work same by the department head in which event the employee will be granted another day off at the discretion of the department head.

ARTICLE 13

BYLAW AMENDMENT/ADDING JUNETEENTH INDEPENDENCE DAY TO HOLIDAYS

To see if the Town will vote to amend *Title I, Article 6: Classification and Compensation Plans and Human Resource Bylaw, Section 16, Holidays*, to include Juneteenth Independence Day in the list of holidays, in accordance with Clause Eighteenth of Section 7 of Chapter 4, and Sections 13 and 16 of Chapter 136, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as amended by the bill signed by Governor Charlie Baker on July 24, 2020; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board at the request of the Arlington Human Rights Commission)

This Article has been inserted at the request of the Arlington Human Rights Commission.

It is expected that a member of the Commission will set out the reasoning for this proposed Bylaw amendment. In short, it is noted that Juneteenth Independence Day is a celebration of the anniversary of June 19, 1865, the date when African-Americans in Galveston, Texas first learned of the Emancipation Proclamation, passed more than two years earlier.

The date is not yet a federal holiday, but in 2007, Massachusetts became the twenty fifth state to formally recognize the holiday. As set forth in M.G.L. c. 6, §15BBBBB, “[t]he governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart the nineteenth of June as Juneteenth Independence Day, to be observed on June 19th of each year, in recognition of June 19, 1865 when Union General Gordon Granger announced freedom for all slaves in the Southwestern United States and in recognition of the end of slavery in the United States as well as the significant contributions, individuals of African descent have made to the commonwealth and to the United States and recommending that said day be observed in an appropriate manner by the people.” The statute, originally enacted in 2007, was amended in 2020 to eliminate language that the holiday be observed on the Sunday that is closest to June 19th, thus creating a new observed holiday.

It should be noted that the Town is still working on how the observance of Juneteenth will affect various Town employees and collective bargaining units.

If the Board is inclined to endorse this article, an appropriate motion would be:

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<i><u>Juneteenth Independence Day</u></i>	<i>Christmas Eve Day if same falls on a Monday</i>
<i>Independence Day</i>	<i>Through Friday</i>

Whenever a holiday falls on Saturday, another working day off with pay shall be arranged at the discretion of the department head. Good Friday shall be considered as half day holiday credit. The day following Thanksgiving shall be treated as a holiday unless an employee is scheduled to work same by the department head in which event the employee will be granted another day off at the discretion of the department head.

ARTICLE 78

**RESOLUTION/TREE CANOPY AS A
PUBLIC HEALTH RESOURCE**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a resolution recognizing Arlington’s tree canopy as a public health resource; or to take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Beth Melofchik and ten registered voters)

To our understanding, the purpose of this article is to pass a resolution affirming the Town’s values with respect to its Tree Canopy by recognizing that the tree canopy serves as a public

health resource for multiple reasons ranging from cleaner air to climate resiliency. Various Town bylaws, regulations, and plans agree with the general notion asserted, including Title V, Article 16 of the Town Bylaws (“Tree Protection and Preservation”), section 1 (“Findings and Purpose”), which states as follows:

The Town of Arlington finds that preservation of the tree canopy and planting of replacement trees is essential to preserving the character and aesthetic appearance of the Town and maintaining quality of life and the environment in the Town. Trees improve air quality, protect from heat and glare, reduce noise pollution, limit topsoil erosion and storm water runoff, provide natural flood control, enhance property values, contribute to the distinct character of neighborhoods, and offer natural privacy to neighbors.

We expect Ms. Melofchik will provide further information on the expected parameters of the resolution and definition of a public health resource, as well as the rationale for pursuing the resolution generally. It should be noted however that a resolution of Town Meeting, does not necessarily impact decision-making authorities in those circumstances where tree removal is at issue. For example, while a Town Meeting resolution may inform a general sense of the community’s values on some policy level, it would not in and of itself alter what criteria are utilized under the Wetlands Protection Act or our local wetlands bylaw before the Conservation Commission in evaluating an application.

ARTICLE 79

RESOLUTION/ENCOURAGEMENT OF ENERGY EFFICIENT AND/OR SUSTAINABLE ENERGY INSTALLATIONS IN HISTORIC DISTRICTS

To see if the Town will vote to urge the Arlington Historic Districts Commission to allow installation in the Historic Districts of any solar panel, heat pump, or other energy-efficient technology that does not cause irreversible changes to historic features or materials; or to take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Susan R. Doctrow and ten registered voters)

This article proposes a non-binding resolution to encourage the Arlington Historic District Commissions (a series of seven commissions composed of primarily at-large members and members specific to each historic district) to permit installation of any energy-efficient technology that does not cause “irreversible changes to historic features or materials” of

applicable structures. We expect the proponent will further detail the intended scope and parameters of this resolution.

To provide context to the resolution, the Massachusetts Historic Districts Act G.L. c. 40C, empowers communities to protect and preserve historic resources in specifically defined historic districts (typically neighborhoods in Arlington rich with certain periods of architecture and features) through a local review process carried out here by a series of Arlington Historic District *Commissions*. The general process and criteria for evaluating repairs, renovations and new construction in an historic district are set forth in Article 4 , Section 2 (“Factors to Be Considered by the Commissions” of Title VII of the Town’s Bylaws (“Historic Districts”) as follows:

In passing upon matters before it, the relevant Commission shall consider, among other things, the historic and architectural value and significance of the site, building, or structure, the general design, arrangement, texture, material, and color of the features involved, and the relation of such features to similar features of buildings and structures in the surrounding area. In the case of new construction or additions to existing buildings or structures, the Commission shall consider the appropriateness of the size and shape of the building or structure both in relation to the land area upon which the building or structure is situated and to buildings and structures in the vicinity, and the Commission may in appropriate cases impose dimensional and set-back requirements other than those required by the Zoning By Law.

The Commission shall not consider interior arrangements or architectural features not subject to public view.

The Commissions’ criteria and processes are further detailed in Arlington Historic District Commissions’ Design Guidelines.

AHDC reviews typically focus on exterior design and presentation matters and those portions of houses that are viewable from the street, as the notion of districts is in part rooted on maintaining the historic character of streetscapes. As one might expect, preserving historic visual presentations while installing modern technologies such as solar panels poses both broad and site-specific questions and challenges. The present policy of the AHDC (as codified in its Design Guidelines) is to consider solar panels for example on a case-by-case basis with the burden on owners to demonstrate that panels “will not be detrimental to the historic fabric of the structure or the district.” Further, the Commissions favor freestanding panels or detached on-site

panels and placement on accessory structures before placement on primary historic district structures.

A resolution may prove instructive to the Commissions in terms of the viewpoint of Town Meeting, but it cannot determine the District Commissions' policies.

**ARTICLE 80 RESOLUTION/FACILITIES DEPARTMENT
REPORT/CLARIFY RESPONSIBILITIES, TRACK
PROGRESS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FACILITIES AND
MAINTENANCE**

To see if the Town will vote to endorse a resolution calling for a quarterly report of achievements based on the original departmental plan, finalized January 2015, to be provided to the Select Board; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Barbara Thornton and ten registered voters)

We anticipate that Ms. Thornton will provide further information on the rationale for this resolution of Town Meeting, but to our understanding the overall goal of the article is to encourage periodic facilities reports directly to the Select Board. As the Board knows, it may request information and reports from the Facilities Department through the Town Manager at its discretion. A Town Meeting resolution may well be an avenue for a broader discussion of issues and/or an affirmation of Town Meeting's perspective, but it is not required for the Select Board in order to determine whether or not or which departments will provide you quarterly reports.

**ARTICLE 81 RESOLUTION/BROADWAY CORRIDOR DESIGN
COMPETITION**

To see if the Town Meeting will vote to allow the Town to plan and sponsor a design competition to encourage new housing and mixed use construction in the Broadway Corridor area of Arlington. This warrant article builds on findings from the Fall 2019 Broadway Corridor Study, and creates a "demonstration area project"; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Barbara Thornton and ten registered voters)

To our understanding, Ms. Thornton seeks to gain Town Meeting's endorsement for a design competition rooted in the 2019 Broadway Corridor Study. While the Department of Planning and Community Development and/or the Arlington Redevelopment Board may wish to provide supplemental comment on this matter, the resolution may be a vehicle for forwarding discussions of how mixed-use might be realized on a broader score in Arlington. However, as with any

Town government-initiated committees to no more than seven per year; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Barbara Thornton and ten registered voters)

The instant resolution proposes a suite of measures meant to ensure respectful and productive management of Town-created public bodies, and further ensure that public bodies continue to serve effective purposes. Among the measures proposed is support for local Town public bodies by offering training for at least one member to serve as a facilitator in the interest of maintaining respectful productive dialogues, as well as to assess the productivity of each Town-created public body at least every five years. We note that Town Meeting may dissolve anybody created by a simple vote of Town Meeting, but obviously not those created by bylaw, state law, or as subcommittees or advisory boards of another Town entity like the Select Board.

**ARTICLE 84 RESOLUTION/FORMALLY INVITE ARLINGTON
HOUSING AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES TO PRESENT TO TOWN MEETING**

To see if the Town will vote to endorse a resolution calling for a the Director of the Arlington Housing Authority to be formally invited to present the AHA proposed annual budget and other key initiatives to the Town Meeting as a regular, annual event; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Barbara Thornton and ten registered voters)

This article seeks Town Meeting's resolution to formally invite the Arlington Housing Authority to report to Town Meeting or other appropriate annual event for public education and understanding. As the Board knows, the Housing Authority is not an entity of the Town Government, even though there are limited circumstances in which the Town Government is required to participate in limited fashion in business that affects the Authority (for example, appointment of a tenant representative on the Housing Authority per the recently revised state statute). Town Meeting may of course extend such an invitation to the Housing Authority.

ARTICLE 85

RESOLUTION/ACKNOWLEDGING NATIVE LANDS

To see if the Town will vote to celebrate and recognize the heritage of the peoples indigenous to Massachusetts and Arlington by resolving to encourage the reading of this land acknowledgement statement at the beginning of all public meetings of the Town; or to take any action related thereto.

Accordingly, the text of such a land acknowledgement statement would read:

“We acknowledge that the Town of Arlington is located on the ancestral lands of the Massachusett Tribe, the tribe of Indigenous peoples from whom the Colony, Province, and Commonwealth have taken their names. We pay our respects to the ancestral bloodline of the Massachusett Tribe and their descendants who still inhabit historic Massachusett territories today.”

(Inserted at the request of the Arlington Human Rights Commission)

This Article was developed and drafted by the Arlington Human Rights Commission. It is expected that a representative or member of the Human Rights Commission will provide further details on the rationale for the proposal. As stated, the resolution seeks to recognize and respect peoples indigenous to Massachusetts and Arlington as historical stewards of the land and the relationship that exists between peoples indigenous and their traditional territories. This Article, if passed, would establish a non-binding Resolution that would leave to the discretion of the public meeting’s presiding chairperson whether a land acknowledgment is read at the beginning of a public meeting.

ARTICLE 86

RESOLUTION/CELEBRATING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

To see if the Town will vote to celebrate and recognize the heritage of the peoples indigenous to Massachusetts and Arlington by resolving to encourage celebration of Indigenous Peoples Day throughout the Town on the second Monday in October; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the Request of the Arlington Human Rights Commission)

This Article was developed and drafted by the Arlington Human Rights Commission and is nearly identical in substance to what the Select Board has already endorsed within its capacity and jurisdiction. It is expected that a representative or member of the Human Rights Commission will provide further details on the rationale for the proposal. As stated, the resolution seeks to celebrate and recognize the heritage of peoples indigenous to Massachusetts and Arlington by resolving to encourage the celebration of Indigenous Peoples Day throughout

Arlington on the second Monday in October. This Article, if passed, would establish a non-binding Resolution that would encourages and promotes the celebration of the rich and diverse history and cultures of Indigenous Peoples.

It is noted that several cities and towns in Massachusetts, including Amherst, Brookline, Cambridge, Great Barrington, Northampton, Somerville and Salem (celebrates both Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples Day) have passed resolutions in recent years that recommend and encourage the observance of Indigenous Peoples Day in place on Columbus Day on the second Monday in October.

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(Inserted at the request of Silvia Dominguez and ten registered voters)

**ARTICLE 88 RESOLUTION/RESIDENT PARKING PROGRAM FOR
PRECINCT 4**

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(Inserted at the request of Silvia Dominguez and ten registered voters)

This pair of articles seeks resolutions of Town Meeting to support specific parking policies for Precinct 4 – overnight parking waivers for multi-family dwellings and/or a permit parking program for Precinct 4 in recognition of the specific parking constraints and demands of the precinct. As the Select Board knows, Town Meeting does not have general authority over

regulation of public street parking, overnight or otherwise, except to the extent parking is required by the Arlington Zoning Bylaw. Rather, the substance of both of these articles is purely within the Select Board's jurisdiction.

In past years, the Select Board has noted the results of a non-binding Town-wide referendum on overnight parking, as well as the costs and operational challenges of implementing a parking program similar to those which are employed in Somerville or Cambridge. Town Meeting may certainly discuss matters within the context of the proposed resolution, but cannot bind the Select Board with a favorable or unfavorable action on these articles.

ARTICLE 89

RESOLUTION/PRINCE HALL DAY

To see if the Town will vote to declare June 24 as Prince Hall Day; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Beth Melofchik and ten registered voters)

This resolution seeks to honor 18th Century abolitionist and Revolutionary War era civil rights leader and founder of African-American Freemasonry, Prince Hall. To our understanding, Hall lived and worked predominantly in Boston and is buried in the North End's Copp's Hill Burying Ground. However, in 1868 a member of Boston's "Prince Hall Freemasons" deeded land in Arlington known as Prince Hall Mystic Cemetery or simply Prince Hall Cemetery to his lodge to serve as a burial ground for members, thus establishing a special connection between Hall's legacy and Arlington. Upon information and belief, the Arlington Historical Society identified the site after nearly one hundred years of disuse, and following restoration efforts led by the Society, the Prince Hall Masons, and Town grant funds, rededicated the cemetery and secured the site on the National Register of Historic Places. Since the time of its rededication, members of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge have held an annual Memorial Day ceremony at the cemetery joined by the Arlington Historical Society.

The Select Board may, independent of Town Meeting, declare June 24th or another date Prince Hall Day, as is its usual practice. A resolution of Town Meeting may of course reinforce same and we expect the proponent to outline the substantive resolution for the Meeting to you.

ARTICLE 90

RESOLUTION/PROGRAM TO INSTALL ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

Be it hereby resolved, that this is the will of Town Meeting that the Town of Arlington should implement, along with adequate funding, a comprehensive program to install electric vehicle charging stations throughout the Town starting with East Arlington where none have been installed to date; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Silvia Dominguez and ten registered voters)

While we expect Ms. Dominguez will provide further detail on the purpose, scope, and parameters of the instant article, it is apparent that goal of this article is a resolution to establish electrical vehicle charging stations throughout the Town, with an emphasis on East Arlington. It is unclear at this juncture whether the proposal is oriented towards encouraging and/or subsidizing private development of charging stations or if municipal charging stations are contemplated. In either case, Town Meeting may of course resolve to support such programs. In the case of municipal charging stations, significant consideration would have to be afforded to the nature and extent of the service the Town would provide for the benefit of private residents as opposed to vehicles for Town or School Department vehicles.

ARTICLE 91

RESOLUTION/DECLARE CLIMATE EMERGENCY IN THE TOWN OF ARLINGTON

To see if the Town will vote to endorse a resolution calling for a Declaration of Climate Emergency in which the Town would take immediate action in areas within the Town's authority to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, report on the quantity of the Town's emissions, promote and encourage climate action by other government authorities, and protect the rights of people at greatest risk, for the purpose of reducing harm from the pace of warming and global ecological collapse to the maximum extent possible; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Parke Wilde and ten registered voters)

This article seeks a resolution of Town Meeting to recognize the immediacy and scope of the climate change crisis by declaring a "climate emergency" in the Town of Arlington and setting forth a series of action areas, goals, and reporting measures to ensure that Arlington takes steps necessary to address the threat of climate change to the Town and its residents (as well as the region, nation, and world of course). As a resolution of Town Meeting, consistent with comment on all the foregoing resolution articles, it is important to underscore that action under

this article is not binding on the Town or its decision-makers, such as permit granting authorities, etc. Similarly, it cannot in and of itself form the basis for consideration of climate change or resiliency as a matter of law. It does however call for policies and ordinance reforms that can achieve such ends, some, if not many of which have been undertaken to varying degrees ranging from the Clean Energy Future Committee's impending "Net Zero Plan" and the Town Managers' efforts to account for and reduce the Town's carbon footprint or the installation of solar panels on Town and School facilities, to the Conservation Commission's recently revised regulations and the special legislation on fossil-fuel infrastructure regulations passed at the 2020 Fall Special Town Meeting. Finally, this Office notes its appreciation for the proponents' early and comprehensive efforts to consult with many Town officials and committees, including the Legal Department on both the form and the substance of their draft resolution.



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To: Select Board

Cc: Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager
John Leone, Town Moderator
Resident and Committee Petitioners

From: Douglas W. Heim, Town Counsel & Michael Cunningham, Deputy Town Counsel

Date: February 26, 2021

Re: Warrant Articles 6, 15, 18

I write to provide the Select Board a summary of the above-referenced 2021 Annual Town Meeting warrant articles to assist in the Board's consideration of these articles at its upcoming hearings on March 1, 2021. As the Board will recall, where draft motions appear, new or additional language is underscored, while removed language is provided in "strikethrough."

ARTICLE 6 BYLAW AMENDMENT/CPAC MEMBER TERM LIMITS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Title II Article 12 (“Community Preservation Act Committee”) Section 1(c) of the Town Bylaws remove term limits for CPAC at-large members, and replace it with a provision for member removal based upon a majority vote of the member’s appointing authority; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

This Article is inserted at the request of the Town Manager based upon discussions with members of CPAC their experience working with Community Preservation Act planning and grant process in Arlington. In short, at present at-large CPAC members may not serve for more than six consecutive years and cannot be appointed again for three years following a full six consecutive year membership. However, the learning curve for CPAC members is steep and as such, it can take several years for CPAC members to become fully versed and comfortable with the work of the Committee in all of its program areas. Moreover, the present slate of at-large members, who provide significant professional expertise to the Committee may not be readily replaced with similar levels of experience.

As an alternative to hard term limits, the CPAC bylaw can be amended to create a clearer mechanism for removal of any at-large member without cause and thereby equip their respective appointing authorities to ensure that at-large members remain representative and committed to the CPAC’s work over long tenures. Finally, it bears noting that other, statutorily-appointed CPAC members do not carry hard term limits.

If the Board is inclined to endorse this Article, an appropriate motion would be:

VOTED: That Title II, Article 12 (“Community Preservation Act Committee”) of the Town Bylaws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE 12 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE (Art. 11 - ATM - 04/29/15)

Section 1. Establishment and Membership

a. There is hereby established a Community Preservation Committee consisting of a total of nine (9) members pursuant to G.L. c. 44B § 5. The membership shall be composed of one member of the Conservation Commission as designated by such Commission, one member of the

Historical Commission as designated by such Commission, one member of the Arlington Redevelopment Board (which serves as the Town's Planning Board) as designated by such Board, one member of the Park and Recreation Commission as designated by such Commission, one member of the Arlington Housing Authority as designated by such authority, and four (4) at-large members appointed by a joint vote of the approval by the Select Board and the Town Manager as follows below in Section 1(b).

b. Candidates for at-large membership shall be jointly gathered and screened by the Town Manager and the Chairperson of the of the Select Board or their designee, who shall jointly forward recommended candidates for a vote on appointment by the full Select Board plus the Town Manager (a maximum total of six votes representing the five Select Board and the Town Manager). A majority vote the Select Board and the Town Manager shall be required for appointment to an at-large member position.

c. At-large members shall be appointed to the following initial terms: One (1) for a one-year term, two (2) for two-year terms, and one (1) for a three-year term. All subsequent terms shall be for three years. All other members shall serve a term determined by their designating bodies not to exceed three years. All members, at-large and otherwise, are eligible for reappointment. Should any appointing or designating authority fail to appoint a successor to a CPC member whose term is expiring, such member may continue to serve until the relevant authority names a successor. Any at-large member may be removed at any time by majority vote of the member's appointing authority.

~~*No At Large member of the Community Preservation shall serve more than six consecutive years at a time. A waiting period of three years shall be imposed on any member of the Committee after serving six consecutive years, if they wish to rejoin the Committee.*~~

d. A vacancy of the committee shall be filled by the relevant appointing or designating authority.

ARTICLE 15

BYLAW AMENDMENT/DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Title I of the Town Bylaws to add a new provision to formally acknowledge domestic partnerships; define the parameters of domestic partnerships in Arlington, provide an opportunity to register such partnerships at the Office of the Town Clerk; and afford the ability to obtain a certificate attesting to their status; and share in certain rights and benefits conferred under such status under the Bylaw; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Select Board at the request of the Rainbow Commission)

This Article was inserted at the request of the Rainbow Commission and it is expected that the reason for its proposed amendment to the Town Bylaws will be more completely set forth by a representative of the Rainbow Commission.

It is noted that there are several cities and towns in Massachusetts that formally recognize domestic partnerships. Cities that have already acted on this issue include Boston, Cambridge and Somerville. Towns include Brookline, Nantucket, Provincetown and Truro. In general, these cities and towns recognize domestic partnerships after applicants satisfy certain criteria and complete and sign a Statement of Domestic Partnership that is then filed with the Town Clerk. Typical rights that come with a formally recognized domestic partnership include: visitation rights at town operated and maintained health-care facilities; visitation rights at town operated and maintained correctional facilities; and access to school records and personnel at town operated and maintained schools that relate to the child of a domestic partner, who is the custodial parent or legal guardian of that child.

It is further noted that the Somerville ordinance that recognizes domestic partnerships was passed by its City Council on June 25, 2020 and expands the rights conferred upon members of a domestic partnership by previous ordinances/bylaws passed by other cities and towns in Massachusetts. Specifically, Somerville's ordinance does not limit a domestic partnership to just two people and "shall afford persons in domestic partnerships all the same rights and privileges afforded to those who are married." Accordingly, it appears that more than two persons could enter into a domestic partnership. Somerville's ordinance to broaden the definition of domestic partnership to include relationships between three or more adults and potentially expand access to benefits appears to be the first of its kind in the country. The validity of the relatively new Somerville ordinance has not been tested, but it may be challenged by health insurance companies or other potential objectors.

The question of whether the filers of this Article seek to amend the Town Bylaws to establish domestic partnerships of two persons, or more than two persons, will be addressed by its proponents. However, a draft motion to establish domestic partnerships of two persons, that can be amended to establish domestic partnerships of more than two persons, is set out below. If the Board is inclined to endorse this article, an appropriate motion would be:

VOTED: That the Town Bylaws are hereby amended to include a new section to read as follows:

TITLE I
ARTICLE 23
DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS

SECTION 1. Purpose and Intent

The Town of Arlington ("Town") recognizes the diverse composition of its citizenry and realizes that a perpetuation of the traditional meaning of "family" can exclude a segment of the Town's population by: (1) depriving them of recognition and validation; and (2) denying them certain rights that should be afforded to persons who share their homes, hearts, and lives. Recognizing its commitment to fair treatment of its citizens, the Town adopts this Bylaw that acknowledges domestic partnerships. People in committed relationships who meet the criteria established by the Town as constituting a domestic partnership are provided an opportunity by this Bylaw to register at the office of the Town Clerk, obtain a certificate attesting to their status, and share in certain rights and benefits conferred under this Bylaw.

SECTION 2. Definitions

A. "Domestic partnership" shall mean two persons who meet all of the following requirements and who register their domestic partnership in accordance with Title I, Article 23, Section 3.

- (1) They have made a commitment of mutual support and caring for each other;
- (2) They reside together and intend to do so indefinitely;
- (3) They share basic living expenses;
- (4) They are at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- (5) They are competent to enter into a contract;
- (6) They are each other's sole domestic partner; and/(or omit this requirement)
- (7) They are not married to anyone or related to each other by blood closer than would bar marriage in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

B. "Dependents" shall mean a child or step-child of either domestic partner.

C. "Basic living expenses" shall mean the cost of food, shelter, utilities and essential household goods. The individuals need not contribute equally to the cost of these expenses. Labor or services in kind shall be recognized as contributions to basic living expenses.

D. "Domestic Partner" shall mean a person who meets the requirements set forth in Title I, Article 23, Section 2(A) of this Bylaw and registers pursuant to Title I, Article 23, Section 3 of this Bylaw.

SECTION 3. Registration, Amendment and Termination

A. Registration

(1) Statement of Domestic Partnership

(a) Domestic partners who meet the requirements set forth in Title I, Article 23, Section 2(A) of this Bylaw may make an official record of their domestic partnership by completing, signing and submitting to the Town Clerk a statement of domestic partnership. Persons submitting a statement of domestic partnership must declare under penalty of perjury that they meet the requirements set forth in Title I, Article 23, Section 2(A) of this Bylaw.

(b) The domestic partnership statement shall be on a form prescribed by the Town Clerk, which form shall include, but shall not be limited to, the names of the domestic partners and the date on which they became each other's domestic partners.

(c) The names and dates of birth of any dependents of the domestic partnership.

B. Amendment

Domestic partners may file a Domestic Partnership Amendment Form with the Town Clerk to add or delete dependents or change an address. Any amendment shall be signed, under the pains and penalties of perjury, by both of the domestic partners.

C. Termination

(1) Domestic partners shall notify the Town Clerk of the termination of their domestic partnership. Either member of a domestic partnership may terminate the domestic partnership by filing a termination statement with the Town Clerk. Termination of a domestic partnership shall become effective ninety days (90) days after the termination statement is filed with the Town Clerk; provided, however, that a domestic partnership shall terminate immediately upon the death of either of the partners. Any person filing a termination statement must declare under the pains and penalties of perjury that the domestic partnership is thereby terminated and that the other domestic partner has been notified of such termination either personally or by mailing a copy of the termination statement to the other domestic partner's last and usual address by certified mail.

(2) No person may file a new statement of domestic partnership until any previous domestic partnership of which he or she was a member has been effectively terminated.

SECTION 4. TOWN CLERK

A. The Town Clerk shall maintain records of the registration, amendment and termination of domestic partnerships as permanent records. The Town Clerk shall provide appropriate forms for a Statement of Domestic Partnership, for the registration of the Statement and for the amendment and termination of a domestic partnership.

B. The Town Clerk shall charge a fee for filing a domestic partnership equal to the fee charged to file a marriage license. Payment of the filing fee shall entitle the person filing the

statement on behalf of the domestic partnership to receive one copy of the statement certified by the Town Clerk. The fee for additional certified copies of the statement, or for copies of amendment or termination statements, shall be the same fee charged for additional certified copies of a marriage license.

SECTION 5. RIGHTS OF DOMESTIC PARTNERS

Persons who have registered their domestic partnership with the Town Clerk pursuant to Title I, Article 23, Section 3 are entitled to the following rights:

A. Visitation at health-care facilities.

(1) A domestic partner shall have the same visitation rights as a spouse or parent of a patient at all health-care facilities operated and maintained by the Town. A dependent shall have the same visitation rights as a patient's child.

(2) The term "health care facilities" includes hospitals, convalescent facilities, mental health care facilities, nursing homes, and other short and long term care facilities operated and maintained by the Town.

B. Visitation at correctional facilities.

(1) A domestic partner shall have the same visitation rights at all correctional facilities operated and maintained by the Town as a spouse or parent of a person in custody. A dependent shall have the same visitation rights afforded to the child of a person in custody.

(2) The term "correctional facilities" includes, but is not limited to, holding cells, jails and juvenile correction centers operated and maintained by the Town.

C. Access to children's school records and personnel.

(1) A domestic partner who is also the custodial parent or legal guardian of a child may file a school authorization form at, or send a letter to, the child's school to indicate that the parent's domestic partner shall have access to the child's records, access to school personnel in matters concerning the child and access to the child, including the right to remove such child from the school for sickness or family emergency. The school shall afford such person access as directed by the child's parent.

(2) When a domestic partnership is terminated pursuant to Title I, Article 23, Section 3(C), it is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to notify the school, in writing, of the termination of rights of the former domestic partner.

(3) As used herein, the term "school" shall only include facilities owned and operated by the Town and shall include, but shall not be limited to, high schools, vocational schools, junior high and middle schools, elementary schools, preschools and preschool programs, after-school programs and day-care programs, provided that such are owned and operated by the Town.

SECTION 6. INTERPRETATION

It is the intention of this Bylaw that its provisions shall be enforceable to the maximum extent permitted by law.

SECTION 7. RECIPROCITY

All rights, privileges and benefits shall be extended to domestic partnerships registered pursuant to similar laws enacted in other jurisdictions.

SECTION 8. NON-DISCRIMINATION

No person who seeks the benefit of this Bylaw, registers pursuant to its provisions, or assists another person in obtaining the benefits of this Bylaw shall be discriminated against in any way for doing so.

SECTION 9. SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Bylaw are severable. If any of its provisions are held invalid by the Attorney General, a court of competent jurisdiction or other reviewing authority, all other provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 10. EFFECT ON OTHER TOWN BYLAWYS

When the term "spouse" is used in other Town Bylaws, it shall be interpreted to include a domestic partner. When the term "family" is used, it shall be interpreted to include domestic partnerships. When the term "marriage" is used, it shall be interpreted to include domestic partnerships.

ARTICLE 18

VOTE/APPROPRIATION/SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER STIPENDS

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to M.G.L. c. 71 section 52, to provide all Arlington School Committee Members compensation consisting of an annual stipend of \$3,000 per member commencing in Fiscal Year 2022; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Christa Kelleher and ten registered voters)

Section 52 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws (provided below) requires that Town Meeting vote to approve compensation for members of the School Committee, set such amount, and appropriate funds for same. I expect the proponent of this article to provide a full rationale for providing a stipend for School Committee members, but it is my understanding that the goal is to provide each such member the same stipend afforded members of the Select Board. As the Board may recall, Select Board stipends do not afford health insurance or retirement benefits to any current members. Hence, absent an explicit vote to do so, affording stipends to School Committee Members would not confer such rights either.

M.G.L. c. 71 sec. 52

Section 52: Compensation of school committee members

The school committee shall serve without compensation, except that a member of a school committee of a city, town, regional school district or superintendency union may be compensated for his services by a majority vote of the city council in a city having a Plan D or Plan E charter; in a city not having a Plan D or Plan E charter by vote of the city council, subject to the provisions of the charter of such a city; in a town by a majority vote at a town meeting; and in a regional school district or school superintendency by a majority vote of the voting member towns authorized at their respective town meetings, the amount of such compensation, in each case, to be set by the respective cities, towns or groups of towns. No member of a school committee in any town shall be eligible to the position of teacher, or superintendent of public schools therein, or in any union school or superintendency union or district in which his town participates.

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February 24, 2021

Dear Registered Voter:

The Select Board will meet virtually on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 7:15 p.m. to discuss the Warrant Article petition that you signed. The meeting will take place virtually via Zoom.

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| Article 80 | Resolution/Facilities Department Report/Clarify Responsibilities, Track Progress of the Department of Facilities and Maintenance
(tabled from 2/22/2021 meeting) |
| Article 87 | Resolution/Overnight Parking Waiver for Residents of Multi-Family Dwellings in Precinct 4 (tabled from 2/22/2021 meeting) |
| Article 88 | Resolution/Resident Parking Program for Precinct 4
(tabled from 2/22/2021 meeting) |
| Article 90 | Resolution/Program to Install Electric Vehicle Charging Stations
(tabled from 2/22/2021 meeting) |
| Article 91 | Resolution/Declare Climate Emergency in the Town of Arlington
(tabled from 2/22/2021 meeting) |
| Article 18 | Vote/Appropriation/School Committee Member Stipends |

Information which includes the link to the Select Board meeting will be available at the bottom of the Select Board Agenda as well as on the Town Calendar when the meeting is posted Thursday, February 25th by 7:00 p.m.

Please feel free to contact my office at the above number to confirm or if you require any further information.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,
SELECT BOARD

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Marie A. Krepelka".

Marie A. Krepelka
Board Administrator

MAK:lc

**Resolution/Facilities Department
Report/Clarify Responsibilities,
Track Progress of the Department
of Facilities and Maintenance**

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124 Park Avenue
Arlington, MA 02476

Barbara Thornton
223 Park Avenue
Arlington, MA 02476

Jean O'Connell
58 Eliot Road
Arlington, MA 02474

Stephen Revilak
111 Sunnyside Avenue
Arlington, MA 02474

Ronald Alex
223 Park Avenue
Arlington, MA 02476

Kathleen Creedon
146 Lowell Street
Arlington, MA 02474

David Harris
64 Crawford Street
Arlington, MA 02474

Cathy Anastasio
23 Varnum Street #2
Arlington, MA 02474

Christine Lull
18 Lawrence Lane
Arlington, MA 02474

Heather Bell-Temin
212 Mystic Street
Arlington, MA 02474

Stacey Slate
48 Teel Street
Arlington, MA 02474

**Resolution/Overnight Parking
Waiver for Residents of Multi-
Family Dwellings in Precinct 4**

Steven Dray
130 Jason Street
Arlington, MA 02476

Silvia Dominguez
72 Thorndike Street
Arlington, MA 02474

Robin Bergman
320 Park Avenue
Arlington, MA 02476

Kenneth Paynter
79 Thorndike Street
Arlington, MA 02474

Nina Paynter
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Arlington, MA 02474

Carolyn Sullivan
30 Milton Street
Arlington, MA 02474

Judith Garber
130 Massachusetts Ave Apt 4
Arlington, MA 02474

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32 Thorndike Street
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**Resolution/Declare
Climate Emergency in the
Town of Arlington**

Ann Rubin
19 Kimball Road
Arlington, MA 02474

Parke Wilde
24 Amherst Street
Arlington, MA 02474

Iris Hazelton
50 Oak Hill Drive
Arlington, MA 02474

Benjamin Dalven
33 Kimball Road
Arlington, MA 02474

Lynette Culverhouse
24 Draper Avenue
Arlington, MA 02474

Andrew & Emily Helger
32 Glen Avenue
Arlington, MA 02474

Lewis Dalven
33 Kimball Road
Arlington, MA 02474

Gina Sonder
33 Kimball Road
Arlington, MA 02474

Sally Moulton
164 Scituate Street
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Carl Biancucci
90 Robbins Road
Arlington, MA 02476

Susan Lemont
90 Robbins Road
Arlington, MA 02476

**Vote/Appropriation/School
Committee Member Stipends**

Linnaea Adams
201 Everett Street
Arlington, MA 02474

Christa Kelleher
153 Medford Street
Arlington, MA 02474

Colin Bunnell
153 Medford Street
Arlington, MA 02474

Catherine Farrell
76 Park Street
Arlington, MA 02474

Jaclyn Friedman
153 Medford Street
Arlington, MA 02474

Patrick Hanlon
20 Park Street
Arlington, MA 02474

Judith Hanlon
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Arlington, MA 02474

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Elizabeth Rocco
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Anthony Fernandez
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Michael Adams
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Resolution:

Facilities Department Report to Clarify
Responsibilities, Track Progress of the
Dept. of Facilities & Maintenance

Arlington Needs to Maintain Existing Investments in Facilities
because

TOWN INVESTS MILLIONS IN BUILDING ASSETS

BUILDING VALUE		ASSESSED VALUE Land and Buildings	
\$	135,167,400	\$	414,377,400

**Current (2019) Assessed Value of ALL Town Buildings:
One hundred thirty five MILLION dollars**

Sample Building Values:
What Would be the Replacement Cost?

Replacement cost might be 5-10 times the “Assessed Value”!

GOAL: DEFER REPLACEMENT COSTS

Current “Building Value” of ALL Town owned properties: **\$135MM**

Proposed Value of New High School: \$200MM+ (5X assessed value of current high school)

Assessed Value of Current High School: \$40MM

Objectives:

1. Save the Town and taxpayers money by keeping our building investments in good condition.
2. Help the environment by introducing sustainable features in current buildings and by extending the life of current buildings through planned maintenance.

PROPERLY TRACK, MAINTAIN OUR BUILDINGS' HEALTH

Avoid unnecessary repair, emergency replacement and premature replacement costs.

Select Board Resolution, 2015

Arlington Facilities Department

Maintenance planning requires the management and preservation of capital assets through long term, mid-term and short term processes. Currently Arlington is relatively strong with long term capital planning and is at an acceptable level regarding short term work order processing, but needs improvement on the mid-term annual maintenance planning and reporting.

- **Long Term:** An annual cycle of capital planning and budgeting covers acquisitions, new construction, renovation and substantial repairs. This operates through the Capital Planning Committee and the budget consisting of 5% of the annual Town budget.
- **Mid Term:** Understand the value of Town owned assets, predicting their life cycles and repair requirements, setting standards for levels of maintenance that provide measurable results and consistency across all facilities and ensuring the maintenance is done in a timely and cost effective manner each year in order to insure the long term health of the assets. This is currently in need of significant improvement in Arlington.
- **Short Term:** Schedule repairs and maintenance through work orders and in response to unanticipated service requests and emergencies.

Long Term: The Facilities Department with its cross-departmental perspective and its attention to asset conditions and Town standards will identify to department heads, the capital needs in each department. This will increase the reliability of the long term capital budget requests submitted to the Capital Planning Committee.

Mid Term: The Facilities Department will develop tools to measure and assess the impact of maintenance activities on the Town's building assets. (Examples of these tools can include a Facility Conditions Index and a Maintenance Management Expenditure.) Over time, this will lead to an ability to track building conditions and maintenance schedules for all buildings. This in turn, will enhance the life expectancy of assets and raise the general level of facility conditions.

Short Term: The Facilities Department will submit reports on patterns of problems including trends in emergency maintenance calls and actual costs of emergency repairs. Through the use of newly acquired work order software, the department will be able to revise staff time allocation and priorities and reduce the cost and frequency of unanticipated repairs.

SUMMARY:

The creation of a Facilities Department will assist in extending the asset life of existing facilities, add value to facilities by enhancing their condition, add additional reliability to capital budget requests, separate operating and maintenance budgets and improve the operational efficiencies for the current level of maintenance expenses. Once the Facilities Department is up and running and reports are consistently created, the Town should achieve financial savings through efficiencies and through the extended life of its building assets.

Select Board Resolution, 2015 (cont.)

Arlington Facilities Department (continued)

FACILITIES DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

➤ **Set and Maintain Standards for all Town/School Buildings and Assets**

1. Utilizing the Arlington Maintenance Policy and Plan create standards for all facilities which could include health and safety, preservation of assets, special permit requirements, degree of need, lifecycle of asset class, cost to maintain asset, etc.
2. Ensure the maintenance is done in a timely and cost-effective manner as necessary to insure the long-term health of the assets.
3. Work with Town acquired SchoolDude or equivalent software to complete database, capturing relevant Town & School facility information.
4. Develop tools for measuring and reporting the progress of the Town's investment in maintenance.
5. Provide measurable results for maintenance levels in all facilities.

➤ **Ongoing Procedures**

1. Annually utilize maintenance records to identify assets needing capital investment, replacement, improvement, adjustments in the routine maintenance or new levels of maintenance for all properties.
2. Ensure baseline data is collected and added to the software database for all properties.
3. Report annually on costs by facility (school, library, etc. and by systems type (roof, HVAC, etc.)
4. Submit annual maintenance plan and budget including all buildings and assets to Town Manager. Submit annual report on patterns of problems including trends in emergency maintenance calls, actual costs of maintenance, opportunities for preserving current assets and for improving asset maintenance.

Article Language

ARTICLE 80

Proposed Title:

Facilities Department Responsibilities Report

Subject Matter: Clarifying and tracking the responsibilities of the Dept. of Facilities & Maintenance

The purpose of this article is to see if the town will vote to allow a quarterly report of achievements based on the original departmental plan to be provided to the Select Board.

The Facilities Department, a new department, authorized by the Select Board to maintain, protect and preserve the millions of dollars of asset value the Town has invested in its public buildings, was created in 2015 and has been operating since 2016. During that time, the Department has been headed by two different full-time directors and one interim director. That is an unfortunately low tenure average of less than 2 years each.

The Department could benefit from an advisory committee including those citizens and town officials who originally researched the need for said Department, created the mission, goals and operational guidelines that led the Select Board to accept the Department, as well as other facilities experts in Arlington.

This warrant would require the Department to provide a quarterly report to the Select Board documenting the activities and progress accomplished in conjunction with the original guidelines authorized by the Select Board.

Submitted by

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2/16/21

Article Notes:

The Facilities Department, a new department, authorized by the Select Board to maintain, protect and preserve the millions of dollars of asset value the Town has invested in its public buildings, was created in 2015. The Department, recommended by the Select Board and approved by the Town Meeting in 2015, has been operating since 2016. During that time, about 3.5 years, the Department has been headed by two different full-time directors and one interim director. A revisitation to the original purpose and procedures will help ensure that this new department fulfills the expectations of Town elected officials when it was first established.

The Department might also benefit from an advisory committee including those citizens and town officials who originally researched the need for said Department, created the mission, goals and operational guidelines that led the Select Board to accept the Department.

This warrant would resolve that the Department, through the acting or permanent department head, provide a quarterly report to the Select Board documenting the activities and progress accomplished in conjunction with the original guidelines authorized by the Select Board.

The work of this department is an important component of the Town's commitment to environmental sustainability goals.

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Date: 02/17/2021 02:39 PM
Subject: Re: Warrant Article Hearing Select Board Meeting 2/22/2021

Ashley-

Thank you for sharing.

The Facilities Department regularly reports to the School Committee-Facilities Subcommittee regarding efforts at school buildings, so the proposed measure is not out of character; however, I would think quarterly reporting may be burdensome on the small administrative staff in the Department. Instead, I would advise semi-annually or annually.

It is important to note that each Department currently endeavors to capture accomplishments in the Town's Annual Report as well as the Town Manager's Annual Budget & Financial Plan, but another avenue allowing for more comprehensive reporting would be welcomed.

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

Best,

Jim

James Feeney
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Arlington values equity, diversity, and inclusion. We are committed to building a community where everyone is heard, respected, and protected.

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Cc: "Lauren Costa" <LCosta@town.arlington.ma.us>
Date: Thu, 11 Feb 2021 16:17:37 -0500
Subject: Warrant Article Hearing Select Board Meeting 2/22/2021

Hi Greg / Jim,

The Select Board is starting warrant article hearings at their next meeting, Monday, February 22nd. I have attached the warrant article text, if you would like to submit any written comment for the Board's reference we would need it by Wednesday, February 17th at the end of the day! Otherwise, if there are no comments please let me know.

Best,
Ashley

Ashley Maher
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Town of Arlington, MA
781-316-3024

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Subject: Video for Arlington Declaration of Climate Emergency
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From: Parke Wilde <parke.wilde@gmail.com>
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CC: Fight4 AJustFuture <activalewife@gmail.com>, Susan Brau <sbrau97@gmail.com>

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Dear Select Board members:

Thank you for the invitation to the Select Board meeting tomorrow night Mon Feb 22 to present our warrant article for an Arlington Declaration of Climate Emergency.

We made a short video introduction (in part to be efficient with your time, recognizing that you have a long meeting in front of you, and that we are the last agenda item). We just finished it (after sending our materials).

Here is the short video:

https://youtu.be/-e_zzZ3d-pw (3:14 min)

And a longer version with more detail (presumably for later viewing if interested):

<https://youtu.be/eYKzGqNJHjo> (7:21 min)

Here again is the warrant article text for discussion tomorrow:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FGfOj7mLyomkIGNxeiFYVVbkFuISDBh5/view>

Background is at:

EmergencyArlington.org

Let me know if you have any questions. We look forward to seeing you Monday.

Thank you for all you do for the Town!

Parke

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Parke Wilde

Professor

Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, Tufts University

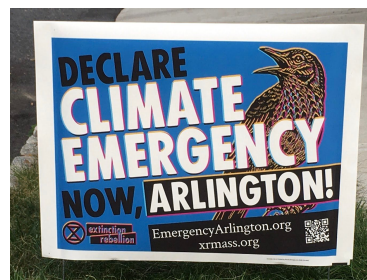
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Emergency Arlington

Building on Climate Emergency Declarations in other municipalities and adapting them to local concerns, Emergency Arlington is drafting an [Arlington Declaration of Climate Emergency](#) to be considered for adoption by Arlington Town Meeting in 2021. To garner support for this declaration, Emergency Arlington is hosting a series of public actions encouraging the residents of Town of Arlington to support and ally with us, to endorse the Climate Emergency declaration, and take suitable steps consistent with that declaration. This project originated as part of the [Emergency Everywhere](#) campaign of Extinction Rebellion Massachusetts ([xrmass.org](#)), the regional chapter of the global climate action organization.

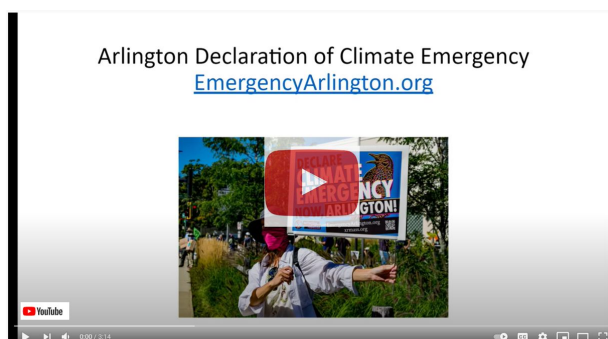


Upcoming Events

- **Monday, February 22, 2021** [EEA will present our Warrant Article](#) to the Select Board. Please attend if you are able. The hearing begins at 7:15 pm, but we are last on the agenda. **Share our video (below)** The Zoom registration & meeting link and the official agenda are posted on the [Town website](#). **Register in advance:** https://town-arlington-ma-us.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_uBTC4wwrSRGuC-vH_2MSaQ
- **April, 2021.** We are planning a Winds of Change event (with wind-themed art) and other activities in advance of Arlington's April 2021 Town Meeting.

Arlington Declaration

Following Boston and Massachusetts towns like Lexington and Acton, it is time for Arlington to join the movement and have the Town officially pass a declaration of climate emergency in 2021. [Read the EEA_ArlingtonTownMeeting_Warrant_Article_2021 here.](#)



[Short video \(3:14 min\).](#)

[Longer video \(7:21 min\).](#)

Our draft [Arlington Declaration of Climate Emergency](#) proposes that the Town of Arlington will speak plainly about the climate crisis, report on progress in fossil fuels reduction, act to reduce unnecessary fossil fuels use (in matters within Town authority), speak up for climate-friendly policies (in matters outside of Town authority), and work for climate justice.

Since the fall of 2020, we have been working with other environmental organizations in Arlington to refine the draft text and develop a [warrant article](#) to present to the Arlington Select Board and bring it before the spring 2021 Town Meeting for a favorable vote.

This declaration is supported by:

- [East Arlington Livable Streets](#) (support for declaration, Oct 1, 2020).
- [Sustainable Arlington](#) (endorsement of warrant article, Jan 27, 2021).
- [Mothers Out Front](#) (endorsement of warrant article, Feb 1, 2021).

How to Support Us

- Support this initiative:
 - **Join.** The [sign-up page](#) for our local Emergency Arlington initiative.
 - **Participate.** Come to our fun and artful **Upcoming Events**.
 - **Share.** On social media and in person, tell friends about our initiative.
 - **Publicize.** Use the comment field of our sign-up page to request our yard sign pictured above (free).
- Support other wonderful environmental initiatives in Arlington:
 - [Sustainable Arlington](#)
 - [Mothers Out Front](#)
 - [Sunrise Arlington](#) ([sign-up form](#), [instagram](#), and [campsite](#))
 - [East Arlington Livable Streets](#)
 - [Clean Energy Future Committee](#)
- Take action regionally:
 - [Join](#) the [Extinction Rebellion Massachusetts](#) movement.

Past Events

- Discuss the Climate Emergency and what we can do about it. We had a **Zoom Chat Sunday, Jan. 17, 5 pm - 6 pm**. This is a follow-up event based on the December 2020 presentation by John B.
- [Heading for Extinction \(And What to Do About It\)](#). December 16 at 7pm by Arlington resident John Burkhardt, one of the founders of Extinction Rebellion, Boston, MA. At this meeting, John shared the latest climate science, discussed the current psychology

around climate change and ecological breakdown, and explained why disruptive mass action is our best hope to avert catastrophe. (Video [link](#) with passcode: hn?qL=D9)



- [Responding to the Town of Arlington's climate initiative by November 6!](#) The Town of Arlington has a remarkable interactive web page, seeking your input on climate action steps now through Nov 6. The website is extensive, so it may take 15-30 minutes to reply in full, but the site is information-dense so the time is not wasted. Please, friends and neighbors, speak up for vigorous climate action. Now is the time!
- **Climate Change is Scary!** October 31. [NBC 10 Boston coverage](#), [YouTube](#). It's a frightening season outside, with fires, and floods, and hurricanes! Even more scary than ghosts... lurks the once quiet and now unmistakable emergence of rapid and increasingly destructive Climate Change. On Halloween eve, we created a force for positive change that will scare off this looming threat for just one moment, and make as much noise as we could together, at a safe distance. We processed with costumes from Arlington Town Hall, through the Old Burying Ground, to Pleasant St. and Mass Ave. while calling for immediate local and state climate action with our noise makers and chants. We had speeches by Sunrise youth and Emergency Arlington, and shoutouts to many organizations doing great work in Arlington.



- **Boat Making Workshop. Sep 26.** Saturday afternoon September 26, Emergency Arlington invited all ages and stages to a socially distanced fun day event making paper boats together. Having fun, children and parents spend a few hours creating paper boats with messages. You may now encounter them around Arlington, especially on the bike path. Look for them on your next walk. Make statement and hang your boats around town. Thanks go to our Arlington Arlington host: Laurie.bogdan@gmail.com



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- **Global Day of Climate Action. September 25,** 5pm-6pm, at Pleasant Street and Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington, MA. ([Press Release](#)) Wearing masks and keeping social distance, people from local climate organizations join EEA holding banners, distributing flyers, and getting “honks” from the passing cars - all to the accompaniment of an upbeat fun brass band. Our aim is to raise awareness and build grassroots pressure locally, in every town and city, in order to make environmental repair happen, now. This event was part of the [global day of climate actions](#) called by Swedish teen [Greta Thunberg](#) and the worldwide [#FridaysForFuture](#) youth movement.



- **Shoe Strike, September 5** ([press release](#), [YourArlington](#), and [video coverage](#) from the terrific reporter Maxime Isaac at ACMi). Calling upon the Town of Arlington to enact a “Declaration of Climate Emergency,” a group of Arlington residents gathered for a lively rally Saturday morning September 5, having assembled over 100 pairs of shoes to symbolize the many people who could not be present in person during a time of coronavirus. The event launched [Emergency Arlington](#), a local extension of [Extinction Rebellion MA](#) that aims to partner with Arlington climate advocates and push municipalities to take meaningful climate action within the next five years. Emergency Arlington member Parke Wilde explains, “Arlington has a key opportunity to show similar towns how a comparatively prosperous community can drastically reduce fossil fuels use while preserving a delightful high quality of life.” In drafting an



Arlington Climate Emergency Declaration, Emergency Arlington is inviting Town leaders into the discussion while gathering the expertise of other local groups such as Sustainable Arlington. “We’re running out of time,” says Gina S., a member of [Fridays for Future](#) - a youth-led global action group started by Swedish teen climate activist Greta Thunberg. “We are now experiencing the intense weather events which have already been baked into our future as a result of greenhouse gas emissions burnt into our atmosphere years ago. Governments have put the responsibility of mitigation on individuals, but this crisis calls for systemic change on a global level.”

Contact:

If you have questions, email parke.wilde@gmail.com (Twitter handle [@flyingless](#)).
<https://actionnetwork.org/groups/emergency-arlington>

Comment from LGBTQIA+ Rainbow Commission:

“The Arlington LGBTQIA+ Rainbow Commission supports Warrant Article 15 calling for recognition of domestic partnerships, allowed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as a means to ensure equity and inclusion for all Arlington citizens. This important recognition and validation of relationships outside marriage is important to not only the LGBTQIA+ community, but to all people in committed relationships who deserve the same benefits and recognition as those who are married.”

MEMO

To: Members of Select Board, Town of Arlington
From: Christa Kelleher, Town Meeting Member (Pr. 5)
Jennifer Susse, Town Meeting Member (Pr. 3)
Dt: 25 February 2021
Re: Warrant Article (Vote/Appropriation/School Committee Member Stipends)

We appreciate the Select Board's support of the School Committee stipends article submitted for Town Meeting 2020 and consideration of the article again this year.

We submit the following information on compensation practices to provide some context and background research as you consider the warrant article on the provision of stipends to Arlington School Committee members.

The following table outlines compensation currently made available to those serving in elected or appointed positions in the Town of Arlington. Please note that, in a few cases, the compensation offered is not taken.

Office/Body	Number of Members	Elected or Appointed?	Compensation Level
Select Board	5	Elected	\$3,000 per Member (\$3,500 for Chair)
Arlington Contributory Retirement Board	5	Appointed	\$4,500 per Member
Finance Committee	21	Appointed	\$650 for Chair; \$450 for three Vice Chairs and Recording Secretary; \$50 for Members
Board of Assessors	3	Elected	\$4,900 per Member
Moderator	NA	Elected	\$500
<i>Source: Website of the Town of Arlington, Massachusetts; www.arlingtonma.gov/town-governance/all-boards-and-committees [Retrieved: 3 February 2020--can't locate easily on the current Town website]</i>			

The following table provides information on compensation provided to School Committee Members in TM12 communities.

Town Manager 12 Communities: School Committees With Stipends	
Town/City	Compensation Level and Source, If Known
Medford	\$12,000, plus \$2,400 additional for Secretary and \$600 extra for Vice Chair; funds are from school budget
North Andover	\$5,000 plus \$500 additional for Chair; funds are from town budget
Watertown	\$4,500; funds are from school budget
Town Manager 12 Communities: School Committees Without Compensation	
Belmont, Brookline, Melrose, Milton, Natick, Needham, Reading, Stoneham, and Winchester	
<i>Source: Jennifer Susse, Personal Communication with School Committee Members in TM12 communities [3-18 January 2020; 8 February 2021]</i>	

The following table provides the most updated, available listing of towns that offer compensation to School Committee members. This is an incomplete list as it reflects self-selected reporting to the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) and there is no follow-up for towns that do not respond. While incomplete, it indicates the range of types of communities that do offer compensation and varying levels of compensation. We expect to have more updated data by the time Town Meeting commences given that the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) is currently engaged in such data collection.

Town/City	Compensation Amount
Agawam	Members=\$5,000 (FY19)
Bellingham	Members=\$1,000 (FY19)
Berkley	Members=\$924 (FY16)
Beverly	Members=\$5,867 (FY19); Chair \$6,167 (FY19)
Carver	Members=\$600 (FY19); Chair \$750 (FY19)
Deerfield	Members=\$100 (FY18); Chair \$150 (FY18)
East Longmeadow	Members=\$1,250 (FY19); Chair \$500 (FY19)
Marlborough	Members=\$3,500 (FY19)
Methuen	Members=\$2,500 (FY19)
Millbury	Members=\$1,948 (FY19); Chair \$487 (FY18)
Palmer	Members=\$1,200 (FY19)
Peabody	Members=\$5,100 (FY19)
Seekonk	Members=\$1,000 (FY17); Chair \$1,400 (FY17)
Southern Berkshire RSD	Members=\$200 (FY17)
Whately	Members=\$357.26 (FY18)
Woburn	Members=\$6,500-includes \$2K travel stipend (FY19); Chair \$8,199 (FY19)
<i>Source: Massachusetts Association of School Committees website; www.masc.org/publications/misc [Retrieved on 5 January 2020]</i>	

For those communities offering stipends (as outlined in the two tables above), and for which compensation data are available, the range is \$200-\$10,800, with an average of about \$3,020.



Town of Arlington, Massachusetts

NEW BUSINESS



Town of Arlington, Massachusetts

Next Scheduled Meeting of Select Board March 8, 2021

Summary:

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

When: Mar 1, 2021 07:15 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Select Board Meeting

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://town-arlington-ma-us.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SLp0Rt7LQZm7vxTMY7hNDw

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

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Documents regarding agenda items will be made available via Novus Agenda and the Town's Website.

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/open-meeting-law-order-march-12-2020/download>