

*****HEARING*****

ARTICLE 14 VOTE/STRATEGIC PLAN FOR NEW GROWTH

To see if the Town will vote to create a study group, composed of staff and other appointed residents, for the purposes of developing a strategic plan to increase new growth; or take any action related thereto..

(Inserted at the request of Lenard Diggins and ten registered voters)

VOTED:

That Town Meeting hereby establishes a “Strategic Plan for Responsibly Increasing New Growth Study Committee” to be structured, organized, and charged as follows:

Strategic Plan for Responsibly Increasing New Growth Study Committee

I. Committee Membership and Organization

A. The Committee shall consist of the following members:

- **Four (4) Arlington residents appointed by the Town Moderator**
- **One (1) member of the Select Board, or their designee;**
- **One (1) member of the Board of Assessors, or their designee;**
- **One (1) member of the Redevelopment Board, or their designee;**
- **One (1) member of the Zoning Board of Appeals or their designee;**
and
- **One (1) member of the Planning Department of their designee**

B. Quorum

A majority of voting members shall constitute a quorum, and decisions shall be based on the vote of a simple majority of those committee members present and voting.

C. Organization and First Meeting

The initial meeting of the Study Committee shall be convened by the designee of the Select Board, and the first order of business shall be the self-organization of the study committee through the election of

one or more chairs, whose responsibility shall be to convene and preside over all future meetings, as well as a clerk, whose duties shall include the proper posting of meeting agendas and minutes. The Study Committee shall designate any other officers as it sees fit.

II. Committee Charge & Reporting

- A. The Study Committee shall study the need, value, and options for the development of strategic plan for responsibly increasing new growth.
- B. The Study Committee shall be encouraged to do research as to how new growth is generated in MA, the US, and internationally.
- C. The Study Committee shall engage residents of the town for their thoughts and ideas via forums and polls and any other means that allow outreach to as many residents as possible.
- D. The Study Committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the 2025 Annual Town Meeting, and if requested, it will be granted another year to function.

III. Dissolution

The study committee will be dissolved concurrent with the dissolution of the 2026 Annual Town Meeting, unless there is a vote of Town Meeting to effectuate an earlier dissolution or other amendment.