

Arlington Town Meeting — Motion to Commit

ARTICLE NO. 40

Dated: May 12, 2025

We, Gary Goldsmith and Matthew Miller, do hereby submit the following Motion to Commit under Article 40:

VOTED:

That Town Meeting hereby refers the question to a “Two Family By Right Committee” to be structured, organized, and charged as set forth below.

A. Committee Membership

The Committee shall consist of the following nine (9) members:

- a. The Director of Planning and Community Development or their designee;
- b. One member of the Arlington Redevelopment Board or their designee;
- c. One member of the Arlington Public Works Department;
- d. One member of the Board of Assessors;
- e. One member of the Arlington Zoning Board of Appeals;
- f. One member of the AmpUp! Comprehensive Plan Update Committee;
- g. The Environmental Planner;
- h. One town resident appointed by the Select Board; and
- i. One town meeting member appointed by the Town Moderator.

B. Committee Quorum

A majority of 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 first meeting of the Committee shall be convened by the Director of Planning and Community Development or their designee, and the first order of business shall be the self organization of the Committee through the election of one or more chairs from among the members, whose responsibility shall be to convene and preside over all future meetings. The Committee shall also elect a clerk, whose duties shall include the proper posting of meeting agendas and minutes.

D. Committee Charge and Reporting

- a. The Committee shall study and provide information needed to make an informed decision regarding the implementation of a plan to allow Two Family Construction by Right in Arlington

- b. The committee shall submit their conclusions to the 2026 Annual Town Meeting, accompanied by a report on their recommendations.

E. Dissolution of Committee

The Committee shall be dissolved concurrent with the dissolution of the 2026 Annual Town Meeting, unless there is a vote of Town Meeting to extend the Committee's charge.

COMMENT:

The goal of the Committee is the analysis of relevant data, assumptions and the experience of other municipalities which have adopted a Two Family Zoning by Right approach to addressing the significant and problematic chronic housing shortage in Massachusetts and elsewhere.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Gary Goldsmith

/s/ Matthew Miller

and

Gary Goldsmith, TMMPrecinct 11

Matthew Miller, TMM Precinct 11

Date Voted: _____

Action Taken: _____