

## 2020 Arlington Town Meeting

Proposed Warrant Article by Paul Schlichtman and 10 registered voters.

### REGULATION OF OUTDOOR LIGHTING – UPLIGHTING

To see if the Town will vote to amend Title V Article 14 Section 3D of the Town Bylaws to include structures used for religious purposes, and structures used for commercial purposes, among the exemptions to the prohibition of uplighting; or take any action related thereto.

**Rationale:** During the consideration of changes to Title V Article 14 Section 3D of the Town Bylaws, during the Annual Town Meeting of 2019, the recommended vote of the Select Board was amended to restrict up-lighting of building façades to public buildings.

Up-lighting was included in the original proposal to allow for architectural lighting to replace floodlights currently used and prohibited under the new bylaw. The most common users of floodlights for architectural lighting are churches and funeral homes. Restricting the use of up-lighting to public buildings prevents churches and business owners from employing this alternative to floodlights that must be removed under the new bylaw.

This article is written to permit Town Meeting to reconsider the ban on up-lighting that is applied to churches and businesses.



**Title V Article 14 Section 3D as recommended by the Select Board**

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**Title V Article 14 Section 3D as amended and adopted by Town Meeting, May 1, 2019.**

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