

TOWN OF ARLINGTON

2021 Annual Town Meeting – Substitute Motion

ARTICLE 46

I, Lynette Culverhouse, do hereby submit the following substitute motion for the No Action recommendation of the Arlington Redevelopment Board:

VOTED to amend the Zoning Bylaw by adding to Section 8 a new provision as follows:

There is hereby established a temporary moratorium on the demolition, in whole or in part, of older small affordable houses, for a period of two (2) years from the date of final adjournment of this Town Meeting, or when the Town establishes a method of protecting such houses in order to promote the Town's goals of economic diversity, net zero goals and affordability, whichever first occurs. The moratorium shall not apply to ordinary repair and maintenance, interior changes, or reconstruction in the event of fire or other catastrophe. For purposes of this provision, the term "older small affordable houses" shall mean houses built before 1950 with a footprint of less than 1,000 square feet. The footprint of a house is defined in this case as the area contained within the exterior building walls of the ground floor.

In order to determine what actions, if any, might be taken to protect such houses, a study shall be carried out by a committee of five (5) to seven (7) residents appointed by the Moderator, which shall include at least one Town Meeting member and one owner of one of such houses. The committee may call upon the Department of Planning and Community Development for information and technical or logistical assistance. The committee shall report to Town Meeting the results of its work.

Respectfully submitted



Lynette Culverhouse,

Town Meeting Member, Precinct 11

Dated: April 15, 2021