

## Arlington Town Meeting — Motion to Amend

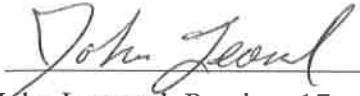
ARTICLE NO. 56

Dated: May 6, 2021

I, John Leonard, do hereby submit the following Motion to Amend Article 56:

**VOTED:** To Amend the recommended vote of the Capital Planning Committee by deleting the following on page 4, item #6 “ \$ 30,000 - Highland - Exterior Marble Replacement”.

Signed:

  
John Leonard, Precinct 17,

Date Voted: \_\_\_\_\_

Action Taken: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***RATIONAL FOR AMENDMENT***

Whereas the Town of Arlington taxpayers paid \$3,200,000.00 for the reconstruction of the Highland Fire Station in 2011 and whereas just 10 years later we are being asked to pay an additional \$30,000.00 for damage caused by faulty construction, this amendment seeks to demonstrate that there are other sources of payment other than a tax upon Arlington residence.

- 1) The Town Reserve Fund. The reserve fund, which states that money can be used from this fund to cover the costs of unexpected or unforeseen events. On January 25, 2016 at the Special Town Meeting, Article 4 transferred a sum of money to fund temporary classrooms for the Thompson School and for costs incidental and related thereto.
- 2) The Municipal Building Insurance Fund. On April 30, 2014, Article 6 of the Special Town Meeting transferred the sum of \$25,863.00 from the fund for this fund for repairs at the Pierce School after a pipe burst causing water damage to the school.

These are just two examples of how the Town can pay for the damage at the Highland Fire Station caused by incorrectly placing the bulwarks (defensive cement structures) which are meant to protect the exterior of the building. If necessary, if one of these funds does not suffice to solve the problem of funding the repair then maybe the two funds can split the cost rather than expecting the taxpayers of the Town to once again pay the price on an accepted completed renovation.

Respectfully Submitted  
John R. Leonard,  
Town Meeting Member, Precinct 17