

Arlington Town Meeting — Motion to Amend

ARTICLE NO. 11

Dated: 24 April 2022

I, Christopher B. Moore, do hereby submit the following Motion to Amend Article 11:

Voted: To amend section 2.A of the Select Board's recommended vote by retaining the requirements that members of a domestic partnership

- Reside together and intend to do so indefinitely and
- Share basic living expenses

And re-number the remainder of the section appropriately.

Signed:

Christopher B. Moore, Precinct 14

Comment:

Eliminating the requirements that members of a Domestic Partnership live together and share basic living expenses removes the most meaningful limits on the size of those partnerships. Since the proposal adds tangible employee benefits (*e.g.* parental leave) for members of partnerships, we should have *some* limits on their size even if they are implicit. Without this amendment, the proposed bylaw appears to allow a domestic partnership of an unlimited number of married or unmarried couples living separately and independently. If one member of the partnership were a town employee, that employee would be entitled to parental leave for every child born to any member of the partnership. If we at some point in the future desire to add health care benefits to domestic partnerships, large diffuse partnerships may make it very expensive to do so.

Date Voted: _____

Action Taken: _____