

**Town of Arlington
Massachusetts**

**Report of the
Finance Committee**



**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Monday, April 27, 2015**

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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GLORIA TURKALL
Executive Secretary

The Finance Committee was established by vote of the Town over a century ago on March 7, 1895. Article 33 provided for the selection of a "committee of twenty-one", which would consider all articles in the warrant involving an appropriation of money and "make report thereof in print, with their estimates and recommendations for final action of the town....."

Arlington's Finance Committee, however, was not the first in the state. According to the Massachusetts Finance Committee Handbook, "The Finance Committee's beginning was the action of a group of citizens of Quincy in 1870, who created themselves a committee to restore financial order." In 1910, the legislature required finance committees for every town "whose valuation for the purposes of apportioning the state tax exceeds one million dollars." Chapter 39, Section 16, also provided that any other town may "by by-law provide for the election or the appointment and duties of appropriation, advisory or finance committees, who shall consider any or all municipal questions for the purpose of making reports or recommendations to the town...."

In Arlington, the duties and responsibilities of the Finance Committee are stated in the Town Manager Act, Sections 31-35, and in the Bylaws, Title I, Article 7. Finance Committee members must be registered voters of the town. They are appointed by a three-member committee composed of the Moderator, the chairman of the Finance Committee and the chairman of the Board of Trust Fund Commissioners.

Under Section 4 of Article 7 of Title I of the Bylaws, the Finance Committee "shall consider all articles contained in any warrant except articles on zoning...and those articles which do not require or request an appropriation of money...said committee shall make recommendations, and shall report in print, if possible at or prior to each town meeting, but the omission of said committee so to consider, recommend and/or report shall not affect the validity of any vote or other action at any town meeting. The committee shall also make such general suggestions, criticisms and recommendations, as it may deem expedient. Nothing contained in this section shall preclude the Committee from considering, if it sees fit, articles which do not require or request an appropriation of money."

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GLOSSARY

AVAILABLE FUNDS -- See Unencumbered Funds

CHERRY SHEET – A formerly, cherry-colored form showing state and county charges and reimbursement to the Town as certified by the State Director of Accounts.

ENTERPRISE FUNDS -- Funds that account for all revenues and expenditures for services and allow surpluses to be used to reduce user fees for the services or to pay for capital improvements. Each fund has an independent budget. Losses are made up from the Town’s general fund. Presently, Arlington has enterprise funds for Council on Aging Transportation, Recreation, Veterans’ Memorial Rink, Water & Sewer and Youth Services.

FISCAL YEAR -- July 1 through June 30.

FREE CASH -- See Unencumbered Funds.

OVERLAY -- Funds set aside to cover abatements and exemptions. The amount is determined by the Board of Assessors.

OVERLAY RESERVE -- Unused accumulated amount of Overlay for previous years that is not required to be held in a specific Overlay account for a given year. Once released by the Board of Assessors, the funds may be used for any municipal purpose.

RESERVE FUND -- A fund established by the Annual Town Meeting. It is under control of the Finance Committee, which may authorize transfers for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures. The fund may be composed of an appropriation of not more than 5% of the tax levy for the preceding year.

STABILIZATION FUND -- A special account created to provide a reserve for municipal expenditures. Transfers into and out of these funds require a 2/3 vote of Town Meeting.

SURPLUS REVENUE -- The total amount of cash, accounts receivable, and other current assets that exceed liabilities and reserves.

UNENCUMBERED FUNDS -- The amount of surplus revenue, minus uncollected taxes of prior years. Unencumbered funds must be certified by the State Bureau of Accounts before they can be used. Also known as Free Cash or Available Funds.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Town is now entering the second year beyond the three year plan developed as a promise to the voters in exchange for their approval of the tax override in 2011. The plan has worked well not only because of the successful override and the caps on Town spending, but also because of the successful implementation of the legislation allowing towns to enter the State Group Insurance Commission (“GIC”) to cover their employee health insurance.

While the combination of joining the GIC, the 2011 override and projected increases in state aid and local receipts will allow the Town to have balanced budgets which protect services and the taxpayer for several years into the future, the projected deficit in fiscal year 2020 was becoming extremely troubling. The Long Range Planning Committee reviewed all of the assumptions and modified several that members believed were too conservative. But the committee needed to do more to change the rate of expenditure growth. At the recommendation of the Town Manager, the rates of the budget’s allowable growth were reduced from 3.5% for the Town budgets to 3.25% in fiscal year 2016 and 3.0% for the future. The schools will stay at 3.5% for fiscal year 2016, go to 3.25% for fiscal year 2017 and 3.0% into the future. The schools will still be allowed to grow 7% for special education and an allowance for change in the student body size as agreed to last year. See Appendix D for a breakdown of projected revenue and expenditures. These changes put the first deficit off for one more year until 2021 and reduced its size, but unless state aid increases at a higher level, more will have to be done in the future to reduce the projected deficit.

Under this policy, the Finance Committee, in cooperation with other Town officials, proceeded to move ahead with the fiscal year 2016 budget. Both the Town Manager and School Superintendent presented budgets within the limits as promised to the voters and modified as described above. Our initial revenue projections were based upon levels agreed to by various Town officials and local aid as recommended by the Governor and modified by the House Ways and Means Committee. The Finance Committee has been working since mid January reviewing budgets and warrant articles and examining the revenue projections for next year. We waited until the House Ways and Means Committee reported their recommendations on April 15th, fine tuned the numbers, and went to print with the Finance Committee Report making it available to you as soon as possible.

We have thoroughly reviewed all of the budgets, continued to fund the long term stabilization fund and dedicated to the Other Post Employment Benefits Fund (OPEB) the full amount we had utilized in past years including an additional amount from the Town Manager’s share of the increases allowed by the long term financing plan. We have been concerned about continuing deficits in the snow and ice budget, which have occurred despite our increases to the budget over the last 10 years and increases in the Town’s reserve fund. This year we have spent over \$2 million to keep our streets open during a record snow fall. We will be using the entire snow and ice budget, \$500,000 from the reserve fund, plus transfers from other budgets and will still have to roll a \$500,000 deficit into next year. This budget increases the snow and ice budget by another \$75,000 to improve the situation for next year. We are also recommending the addition of funds to the Override Stabilization Fund as promised to the voters to postpone the need for

future tax increases, and continuing to monitor revenues and expenditures to keep future budgets balanced.

We have included two additional tables in Appendices E and F. Appendix E demonstrates the revenues and expenditures of the water bodies fund which the Town Meeting has supported for many years. The Finance Committee has requested a comprehensive report on all of the Town's water bodies for the next Annual Town Meeting, so the Finance Committee and the Town Meeting can get a better view of the problems the water bodies face in an urban environment and the resources needed to maintain them in the future.

Appendix F demonstrates what many consider a great inequity in the level of assessments by the MBTA on local municipalities. One has only to look at the assessment on Arlington versus those of Braintree and Quincy to see that something is very wrong. The Finance Committee has collaborated with other Town officials to advocate for action on this issue.

In closing, we need to emphasize the importance of controlling appropriations in the fiscal year 2016 budget. In the fall of 2014, when we last issued Town bonds, the Town maintained its high AAA rating from Standard and Poor's, which rates the Town's bonds. We accomplished this because we have a multi-year revenue and expenditure plan, a capital plan with strong support from Town Meeting, a strong reserve position and continued funding of the retiree health insurance fund. We cannot use any more of the Town's reserves without jeopardizing the Town's future financial condition and forcing an override sooner than currently projected. The voters must know that the Town can control expenditures and maintain a balanced budget. We need to utilize conservative financial practices if we are to maintain our high credit rating, which lowers interest costs for future bonding and keeps faith with our promise to the voters.

As in past years, we ask for your support in keeping the budgets balanced. We have allocated revenues as prudently and fairly as possible. Proposed increases must be balanced by reductions elsewhere. As always, we are available to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Tosti, Chair
Arlington Finance Committee

The Finance Committee recommends passages of the following votes:

(Unless otherwise indicated, the following recommendations were by unanimous votes: any exceptions are noted in parentheses following the text of the recommended vote. The Chairman votes only when the recommendation of the Finance Committee will be affected.)

ARTICLES 2-5 The Redevelopment Board and Board of Selectmen will report on these articles.

ARTICLE 6 ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/DOCUMENTED ZONING REVIEWS

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws to require that all applications for building permits, special permits, and variances undergo review for compliance with the Zoning Bylaw by the Inspector of Buildings, that the results of such reviews be documented and kept on file by the Inspector of Buildings, and that the documented reviews be provided to the Arlington Redevelopment Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals before they take action on any applications requiring their comment or approval; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Christopher Loreti and ten registered voters)

VOTED: The Finance Committee supports the No Action recommendation of the Redevelopment Board. (15-5)

COMMENT: Because the Finance Committee was concerned that this article would require additional personnel, it invited the proponents to present the reasons for the article and its benefits and costs. The proponents refused to meet with the Finance Committee and instead sent a memo stating that there were no costs and the Finance Committee had no jurisdiction as it was a zoning article. The Town Manager stated in a meeting with the Finance Committee that, in his opinion, there was no problem to be solved and no need for the article. He also stated that the requirements of this article would require between one and two additional staff. Neither, the Redevelopment Board or the ZBA had complained about a lack of information from the Building Department. After this discussion, the Finance Committee voted to recommend no action as stated above. The 5 members voting no believed that they did not have enough information or that since there was no appropriation requested it was not within our jurisdiction.

ARTICLES 7-12 The Board of Selectmen will report on these articles.

ARTICLE 13 DISPOSITION OF REAL ESTATE/ 1207 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of 1207 Massachusetts Avenue in Arlington and/or its appurtenant land by sale or otherwise under such terms as the Town may specify consistent with applicable legal requirements; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

VOTED: The Finance Committee supports the Favorable Action recommendation of the Board of Selectmen.

COMMENT: The Finance Committee believes that moving this property back onto the tax rolls and using the proceeds toward the capital budget is very important. The Town has many capital needs, including the rebuilding of the Stratton School, which should move forward as soon as possible.

ARTICLE 14-16 The Board of Selectmen will report on these articles.

ARTICLE 17 ACCEPTANCE/LOCAL OPTION TAXES

To see if the Town will vote to accept any local option taxes or other revenue raising options, which are made available to cities and towns through enactments of the legislature, by state regulation or court action; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Finance Committee)

VOTED: No report at this time.

COMMENT: Because there is no legislation enacted in this area that could be accepted at this time, the Finance Committee voted to not make a recommendation at this time on this Article. If an opportunity occurs that we can take advantage of, a recommendation will be made. If not, we will change our recommendation to No Action.

ARTICLE 18-19 The Board of Selectmen will report on these articles.

ARTICLE 20 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

To see if the Town will vote to fund any fiscal items in the event that any are contained in collective bargaining agreements between the Town and the following named collective bargaining units, and to fund for non-union, M Schedule, and elected officials' salaries or fringe benefits, determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto:

- A. Local 680, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees;
- B. Service Employees International Union (formerly NAGE);
- C. Robbins Library Professional Association;
- D. Local 1297, International Association of Firefighters;
- E. Arlington Patrolmen's Association;
- F. Arlington Ranking Police Officers' Association;
- G. M Schedule and non-union employees; and
- H. Full-time elected officials.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

VOTED: That the Town hereby ratifies the following financial items in the collective bargaining agreements and memoranda of agreement with the following enumerated collective bargaining units and hereby approves the following financial items relating to non-union employees and full-time elected officials:

C. Robbins Library Professional Association

- (1) a 2% general wage increase effective July 1, 2015;
- (2) a 2% general wage increase effective July 1, 2016; and
- (3) a 2% general wage increase effective July 1, 2017;
- (4) \$200 increase in longevity at each increment;

and that for this purpose the sum of \$13,000.00, which is to be raised by the general tax and shall be appropriated for the purposes of funding the terms of the agreement and may be expended under the direction of the Town Manager;

D. Local 1297, International Association of Firefighters

- (1) a 2% general wage increase effective July 1, 2015;
- (2) a 2% general wage increase effective July 1, 2016;
- (3) a 2% general wage increase effective July 1, 2017;
- (4) implementation of a new step system; and
- (5) base education stipend as a percentage of rank pay;

and that for this purpose the sum of \$203,201.00, which is to be raised by the general tax and shall be appropriated for the purposes of funding the terms of the agreement and may be expended under the direction of the Town Manager, provided that this vote shall be null and void unless the collective bargaining unit has ratified the collective bargaining agreement no later than May 15, 2015;

G. M Schedule and Non-Union Employees

- (1) a 2% general wage increase effective July 1, 2015;
- (2) a 2% general wage increase effective July 1, 2016; and
- (3) a 2% general wage increase effective July 1, 2017;

and that for this purpose the sums of \$37,080.00 (M Schedule) and \$46,112.00 (non-union), which are to be raised by the general tax and shall be appropriated for the purposes of funding the terms of the agreement and may be expended under the direction of the Town Manager;

H. Full-Time Elected Officials

- (1) a 2% general wage increase effective July 1, 2015;
- (2) a 2% general wage increase effective July 1, 2016; and
- (3) a 2% general wage increase effective July 1, 2017;

and that for this purpose the sum of \$3,464.00, which are to be raised by the general tax and shall be appropriated for the purposes of funding the terms of the agreement and may be expended under the direction of the Town Manager;

And that the sum of \$397,143.00 is hereby appropriated, to be set aside for funding future collective bargaining agreements, said sum to be raised by the general tax and said sum shall not be expended without a further vote of Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 21

POSITIONS RECLASSIFICATION

To see if the Town will vote to make additions, deletions and/or modifications to the Classification and Pay Plan, appropriate a sum of money to fund same if necessary, determine how the money will be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager and the Director of Human Resources)

VOTED: That the Classification Plan, as established by Title 1, Article 6, Section 1, Schedule A of the By-Laws, be and hereby is amended as follows:

2015 Town Meeting Request – Positions Reclassification

1. By reclassifying the following positions:

- A. Master Mechanic – Community Safety, ATP7 to ATP8 FTE1 \$2,459
Community Safety
- B. Assistant Registrar of Voters, OA3 to OA4 FTE1 \$1,853
Town Clerk
- C. Administrative Assistant – BOS OA5 to ATP3 FTE1 \$1,284
Board of Selectmen
- D. Paralegal, ATP5 to ATP6 FTE1 \$2,904
Legal Department
- E. Office Manager – HHS, ATP6 to ATP7 FTE1 \$3,026
Health and Human Services
- F. IT Administrative Assistant, OA6 to OA7 FTE1 \$3,123
Information Technology
- G. Principal Clerk and Bookkeeper – Library, OA5 to OA6 FTE1 \$3,374
Library
- H. Regional Energy Manager, ATP5 to ATP7 FTE.88 \$0
Department of Public Works

and to fund the \$18,023 appropriation as indicated above, said sum to be raised by general tax and included in the budgets of the departments affected.

2. By adding the following positions:

- A. Master Mechanic/Public Safety Radio Coordinator, ATP8
Community Safety
- B. Project Manager – HHS, ATP7
Health and Human Services
- C. Head of Technology – Library, L3
Library
- D. Public Safety Dispatcher, MC6
Community Safety
- E. Office Manager – Library OA6
Library
- F. MEO III – Catch Basin, MC6
Public Works
- G. MEO III – Crane, MC6
Public Works
- H. Records Attendant, OA3
Community Safety

3. By deleting the following positions:

- A. Master Mechanic – Community Safety, ATP7
Community Safety
- B. Technology Librarian, L3
Library
- C. Office Manager – HHS, ATP6
Health and Human Services
- D. Telecommunications Dispatcher, MC6
Community Safety
- E. Principal Clerk and Bookkeeper – Library, OA5
Library
- F. Detention Attendant, OA4
Community Safety

ARTICLE 22

APPROPRIATION/TOWN BUDGETS

To see if the Town will vote to make appropriations to defray Town obligations, liabilities, outlay and expenses and especially for or relating to all or any of the boards, departments, purposes and matters hereinafter mentioned, and to provide for the disposal of motor vehicles and other personal property belonging to the Town, determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto: Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, Human Resources, Comptroller, Information Technology, Town Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, Assessors, Legal and Workers' Compensation, Town Clerk, Registrars, Planning and Community Development, Redevelopment Board, Parking, Zoning Board of

Appeals, Public Works, Cemeteries, Community Safety, School Department, Libraries, Human Services, Insurance, Non-Contributory Pensions, Contributory Pensions, Town Debt and Interest, Reserve Fund, and/or any other Town Departments, Boards, Commissions or Committees, Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund, Recreation Enterprise Fund, Council on Aging Transportation Enterprise Fund, Veterans' Memorial Rink Enterprise Fund, and Youth Services Enterprise Fund.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen and at the request of the Town Manager)

See Appendix B Below.

ARTICLE 23

**APPROPRIATION/REVALUATION OF REAL/
PERSONAL PROPERTY**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of \$50,000 to fund a revaluation of the real and personal property in the Town, determine how the money will be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Board of Assessors)

VOTED: That the sum of \$50,000 be and hereby is appropriated to fund a revaluation of the real and personal property in the Town, said sum to be raised by general tax and expended under the direction of the Board of Assessors.

COMMENT: This Article requests an appropriation of \$50,000 to add to the Revaluation Account, whose balance is approximately \$11,642. The Assessors need this additional \$50,000 for revaluation of Town properties, work to be done in FY 2016.

ARTICLE 24

CAPITAL BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to defray the expense of purchasing, leasing, or bonding of capital equipment, infrastructure, buildings or other projects of the Town or to acquire real property for municipal purposes; to appropriate a sum of money to fund previously incurred or future Town debt, to acquire land for said projects where necessary by purchase, eminent domain taking or otherwise, determine how the money shall be raised including the possibility of borrowing any or all of the same, or the transfer of funds from any previous appropriation, determine how such money shall be expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen and at the request of the Town Manager and the Capital Planning Committee)

VOTED: (1) That the sum of \$10,231,101 be and hereby is appropriated for various capital projects and equipment as shown below, and expended under the direction of the Town Manager, said sum to be raised by general tax:

| Item | Amount | Project | Department |
|------|----------------------|---|---|
| 1. | \$ 8,000 | Carpet Replacement - Selectmen Chambers | BOARD OF SELECTMEN |
| 2. | \$ 5,200 | Photocopier lease | BOARD OF SELECTMEN |
| 3. | \$ 3,200 | Voting Machine Replacement | BOARD OF SELECTMEN |
| 4. | \$ 14,700 | ATAC RAIDS Software | COMMUNITY SAFETY - POLICE SERVICES |
| 5. | \$ 17,000 | Bullet Proof Vest Program | COMMUNITY SAFETY - POLICE SERVICES |
| 6. | \$ 5,000 | Fitness Equipment | COMMUNITY SAFETY - POLICE SERVICES |
| 7. | \$ 4,500 | Laser Radar | COMMUNITY SAFETY - POLICE SERVICES |
| 8. | \$ 6,000 | Photocopier | COMMUNITY SAFETY - POLICE SERVICES |
| 9. | \$ 14,000 | Radio Upgrade/Replacement Program | COMMUNITY SAFETY - POLICE SERVICES |
| 10. | \$ 15,000 | Speed Trailer Replacement | COMMUNITY SAFETY - POLICE SERVICES |
| 11. | \$ 131,000 | Vehicle Replacement Program | COMMUNITY SAFETY - POLICE SERVICES |
| 12. | \$ 2,800 | AYCC Photocopier | HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES |
| 13. | \$ 2,800 | Photocopier Lease - BOH/COA | HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES |
| 14. | \$ 3,000 | Photocopier | HUMAN RESOURCES |
| 15. | \$ 5,000 | Photocopier lease | INSPECTIONS |
| 16. | \$ 25,000 | Vehicle - Plumbing | INSPECTIONS |
| 17. | \$ 5,000 | Photocopier | LEGAL/WORKERS' COMPENSATION |
| 18. | \$ 5,800 | Exhaust fans | LIBRARY |
| 19. | \$ 6,000 | Hot Water Heater | LIBRARY |
| 20. | \$ 24,000 | Library Van | LIBRARY |
| 21. | \$ 5,100 | PC Vend Printing/Photocopier Project | LIBRARY |
| 22. | \$ 2,800 | Photocopier | LIBRARY |
| 23. | \$ 7,200 | Repair Honeywell 3 way valves & controller | LIBRARY |
| 24. | \$ 2,500 | Photocopier/Equipment | PLANNING |
| 25. | \$ 2,000 | Photocopier | PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION |
| 26. | \$ 350,000 | Roadway Reconstruction | PUBLIC WORKS HIGHWAY DIVISION |
| 27. | \$ 430,756 | Roadway Reconstruction Override 2011 | PUBLIC WORKS HIGHWAY DIVISION |
| 28. | \$ 50,000 | Sidewalks and Curbstones | PUBLIC WORKS HIGHWAY DIVISION |
| 29. | \$ 5,000 | Small equipment | PUBLIC WORKS HIGHWAY DIVISION |
| 30. | \$ 30,000 | 3/4 Ton Pickup Truck | PUBLIC WORKS NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION |
| 31. | \$ 6,000 | Small equipment | PUBLIC WORKS NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION |
| 32. | \$ 18,000 | Buildings Rehab consultant Services | PUBLIC WORKS PROPERTIES DIVISION |
| 33. | \$ 10,000 | Feasibility Study | RECREATION |
| 34. | \$ 5,000 | Asbestos Abatement - Remove Tiles | SCHOOLS |
| 35. | \$ 5,000 | Custodial/maint. Equip. replacement program | SCHOOLS |
| 36. | \$ 120,000 | Photocopier Lease Program | SCHOOLS |
| 37. | \$ 15,000 | Replace Floor Mats throughout District | SCHOOLS |
| 38. | \$ 25,000 | Replace Maintenance Service Van | SCHOOLS |
| 39. | \$ 8,000 | Cyrus Dallin Sculpture Restoration | TOWN MANAGER |
| 40. | \$ 3,000 | Photocopier | TOWN MANAGER |
| 41. | \$ 17,000 | Office Security Improvement | TREASURER |
| 42. | \$ 6,000 | Photocopier | TREASURER |
| | | | |
| | \$ 1,426,356 | | Acquisitions Total |
| | | | |
| | \$ 10,632,273 | | Prior Debt Service |
| | \$ 218,600 | | New Debt Service |
| | \$ (83,000) | | Less Ed Burns Rink |
| | \$ (51,506) | | Less Ambulance Revolving Fund |
| | \$ (120,000) | | Less Capital Carry Forward |
| | \$ (326,000) | | Less Antenna Fund |
| | \$ (20,962) | | Less Urban Renewal Fund |
| | \$ (212,625) | | Less Enterprise Fund Debt service Appropriation |
| | \$ (1,232,035) | | Less MWRA Loan Payments |
| | | | |
| | \$ 10,231,101 | | Grand Total |

(2) That the various capital projects and equipment purchases shown below shall be undertaken and financed by grants or other funds, such grants to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager.

| Item | Amount | Project | Department |
|-------------|---------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| 1. | \$ 10,000 | Headstone Cleaning & Repair | PUBLIC WORKS CEMETERY DIVISION |
| 2. | \$ 500,000 | Chapter 90 Roadway | PUBLIC WORKS HIGHWAY DIVISION |
| 3. | \$ 125,000 | Install Sidewalk Ramps - CDBG | PUBLIC WORKS HIGHWAY DIVISION |
| 4. | \$ 150,000 | Drainage Rehab-Regulatory Compliance (Ch-308) | PUBLIC WORKS WATER/SEWER DIVISION |
| 5. | \$ 78,000 | FlatBed 8-ton Truck - Generator Mount | PUBLIC WORKS WATER/SEWER DIVISION |
| 6. | \$ 100,000 | Hydrant replacement program | PUBLIC WORKS WATER/SEWER DIVISION |
| 7. | \$ 1,100,000 | Sewer System Rehabilitation | PUBLIC WORKS WATER/SEWER DIVISION |
| 8. | \$ 5,000 | Small equipment | PUBLIC WORKS WATER/SEWER DIVISION |
| 9. | \$ 7,500 | Trailer for Generator Mount | PUBLIC WORKS WATER/SEWER DIVISION |
| 10. | \$ 1,000,000 | Water System Rehabilitation | PUBLIC WORKS WATER/SEWER DIVISION |
| 11. | \$ 35,000 | 3/4 Ton Pickup - Replace #34 | PUBLIC WORKS WATER/SEWER DIVISION |
| 12. | \$ 25,000 | Kid Care 15 Passengar Van | RECREATION |
| 13. | \$ 15,000 | ARB - 23 Maple Street remove oil tank | REDEVELOPMENT BOARD |
| 14. | \$ 15,000 | ARB - Central Oil Tank De-commissioning | REDEVELOPMENT BOARD |
| 15. | \$ 15,000 | ARB - Jefferson Cutter/Gutter Downspout/chimney | REDEVELOPMENT BOARD |
| 16. | \$ 20,000 | ARB - Window Painting & Waterproofing | REDEVELOPMENT BOARD |
| | \$ 3,200,500 | | Grand Total |

(3) That the sum of \$13,594,350 be and hereby is appropriated for extraordinary repairs to public facilities, acquisition of land and the purchase and installation of equipment and for costs incidental and related thereto as follows:

| Item | Amount | Project | Department | Statutory Citation Chap 44, Sec (), or any Enabling Authority |
|------|---------------------|---|------------------------------------|--|
| 1. | \$ 7,647,000 | Phase 3 - Comm. Safety Building Renovations | COMMUNITY SAFETY - POLICE SERVICES | 7(3A&22) |
| 2. | \$ 275,000 | Rink Renovations: Electrical Improvements | ED BURNS ARENA | 7(3A&22) |
| 3. | \$ 31,150 | Purchase of IT Equipment for Inspectors | HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES | 7(28&29) |
| 4. | \$ 60,000 | Whittemore Robbins - Basement Waterproofing | HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES | 7(3A&22) |
| 5. | \$ 80,000 | Whittemore Robbins House - Replace 4 HVAC units & Compressors | HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES | 7(9) |
| 6. | \$ 25,000 | Senior Center Feasibility Study | HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES | 7(3A&22) |
| 7. | \$ 25,000 | Document Management System | INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY | 7(28&29) |
| 8. | \$ 40,000 | GIS Department - Planimetric Data | INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY | 7(28&29) |
| 9. | \$ 235,000 | Replacement of Receivable Package | INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY | 7(28&29) |
| 10. | \$ 400,840 | SCHOOL - Replacement academic PC's district wide | INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY | 7(28&29) |
| 11. | \$ 40,000 | School - Software Licensing | INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY | 7(28&29) |
| 12. | \$ 40,000 | School Dept. Admin Computers | INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY | 7(28&29) |
| 13. | \$ 40,000 | School Network Infrastructure | INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY | 7(28&29) |
| 14. | \$ 50,000 | Software Upgrades & Standardization - Town | INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY | 7(28&29) |
| 15. | \$ 20,000 | Town Network Infrastructure | INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY | 7(28&29) |
| 16. | \$ 75,000 | Town-Microcomputer Program | INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY | 7(28&29) |
| 17. | \$ 21,400 | Heating/Cooling Water Pumps | LIBRARY | 7(9) |
| 18. | \$ 30,960 | MLN Computer Project | LIBRARY | 7(28&29) |
| 19. | \$ 25,000 | MGR - Gibbs School onsite drainage | PLANNING | 7(3A&22) |
| 20. | \$ 20,000 | Gateway Project Phase 2 & 3 | PLANNING | 7(3A&22) |
| 21. | \$ 40,000 | MGR - Replace Gibbs Fire Alarm System | PLANNING | 7(9) |
| 22. | \$ 75,000 | Cemetery Roadway Improvements | PUBLIC WORKS CEMETERY DIVISION | 7(5&6) |
| 23. | \$ 175,000 | Garage Renovation/ Rehab Chapel/HVAC | PUBLIC WORKS CEMETERY DIVISION | 7(3A&22) |
| 24. | \$ 300,000 | Flood Mitigation Grant FEMA Millbrook | PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEERING DIVISION | 7(1,1A & 7) |
| 25. | \$ 25,000 | Mass Ave Streetscape Design - Phase 2 | PUBLIC WORKS ENGINEERING DIVISION | 7(5,6&22) |
| 26. | \$ 160,000 | 44,000 GVW, 4WD Truck w/Sander | PUBLIC WORKS HIGHWAY DIVISION | 7(9) |
| 27. | \$ 113,000 | Backhoe/Loader 1.5 CY | PUBLIC WORKS HIGHWAY DIVISION | 7(9) |
| 28. | \$ 65,000 | Install Sidewalk Ramps | PUBLIC WORKS HIGHWAY DIVISION | 7(6) |
| 29. | \$ 24,000 | Replace Concrete Street Light Poles | PUBLIC WORKS HIGHWAY DIVISION | 7(14) |
| 30. | \$ 99,000 | Replace Retaining Wall - Westminster Ave | PUBLIC WORKS HIGHWAY DIVISION | 7(7) |
| 31. | \$ 17,000 | Sander Body | PUBLIC WORKS HIGHWAY DIVISION | 7(9) |
| 32. | \$ 300,000 | DPW Yard Bldg C Replace Spanish Tile Roof | PUBLIC WORKS PROPERTIES DIVISION | 7(3A&22) |
| 33. | \$ 100,000 | Town Hall - Renovations | PUBLIC WORKS PROPERTIES DIVISION | 7(3A&22) |
| 34. | \$ 50,000 | ADA Study Implementation Program | RECREATION | 7(25) |
| 35. | \$ 455,000 | Magnolia Playground | RECREATION | 7(25) |
| 36. | \$ 45,000 | Summer Street & Buck Field Safety Fencing Repair | RECREATION | 7(25) |
| 37. | \$ 50,000 | Replace Dividing Wall - Gibbs Gymnasium | RECREATION | 7(3A&22) |
| 38. | \$ 140,000 | ARB - 23 Maple St, porches, entryways | REDEVELOPMENT BOARD | 7(3A&22) |
| 39. | \$ 60,000 | ARB - Jefferson Cutter House - Roof Replacement & Gutters | REDEVELOPMENT BOARD | 7(3A&22) |
| 40. | \$ 80,000 | ARB - Paving Central School Parking Lot | REDEVELOPMENT BOARD | 7(5&6) |
| 41. | \$ 130,000 | Bus -77 Passenger #104 | SCHOOLS | 7(9) |
| 42. | \$ 150,000 | Hardy Windows | SCHOOLS | 7(3A&22) |
| 43. | \$ 75,000 | Install Carbon Monoxide Detectors through District | SCHOOLS | 7(9) |
| 44. | \$ 500,000 | Peirce Field Replace Turf | SCHOOLS | 7(25) |
| 45. | \$ 100,000 | Regrade Bishop School Parking Lot | SCHOOLS | 7(6) |
| 46. | \$ 1,085,000 | Stratton Building Improvements | SCHOOLS | 7(3A&22) |
| | \$13,594,350 | | Grand Total | |

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And that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectman, is hereby authorized to borrow not exceeding the sum of \$13,594,350 under and pursuant to the statutes cited above (requires a 2/3 vote), or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager.

- (4) That the Town Manager is authorized and directed to apply for and accept any further federal, state or other grants that may be available for any one or more of the foregoing projects and equipment.
- (5) Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that monies are not expended for the purposes delineated under sections (1) and (2) then the Comptroller is authorized and directed not to transfer these excess funds to available funds, but said funds shall remain and be accounted for in the warrant article pending further vote of the Town Meeting, except as otherwise provided by law, and,
- (6) That any amounts appropriated under Section (3) above for a particular purpose under a specified section of Chapter 44 and not needed for such purpose may be expended by the Town Manager, with the approval of the Capital Planning Committee, for any other purpose listed in Section (3) above under the same section of Chapter 44.

ARTICLE 25

RESCIND BORROWING AUTHORIZATIONS FROM PRIOR YEARS

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the authority to borrow, from prior years' authorizations, the amounts remaining with regard to any numbered prior Annual and/or Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Treasurer)

VOTED: That the Town hereby rescinds \$4,338,547 in the following individual amounts that have been authorized to be borrowed by the Treasurer, but which are no longer needed for the purposes for which they were initially approved.

| <u>Amount Rescinded</u> | <u>Warrant Article</u> | <u>Purpose</u> |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| \$ 1,293,000 | Article 2, 2002 Annual Meeting | Urban Renewal |
| \$ 177,372 | Article 2, 2004 Annual Meeting | Dallin School |
| \$ 200,000 | Article 47, 2005 Annual Meeting | Road Repair |
| \$ 145,000 | Article 54, 2007 Annual Meeting | Water (MWRA) |
| \$ 198,880 | Article 57, 2008 Annual Meeting | Sewer (MWRA) |
| \$ 200,000 | Article 58, 2008 Annual Meeting | Water (MWRA) |
| \$ 120,000 | Article 42, 2009 Annual Meeting | Remodeling |
| \$ 25,000 | Article 42, 2009 Annual Meeting | Safety Improvements |
| \$ 357,500 | Article 49, 2009 Annual Meeting | Sewer |
| \$ 100,000 | Article 50, 2009 Annual Meeting | Water Maintenance |
| \$ 140,728 | Article 53, 2010 Annual Meeting | Various Purposes |
| \$ 101,420 | Article 55, 2010 Annual Meeting | Sewer |
| \$ 200,000 | Article 56, 2010 Annual Meeting | Water |
| \$ 710,567 | Article 4, 2010 Annual Meeting | Stratton School |

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|------------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| \$ 530 | Article 57, 2011 Annual Meeting | Various Purposes |
| \$ 44,000 | Article 60, 2011 Annual Meeting | Water Mains |
| \$ 324,000 | Article 42, 2012 Annual Meeting | Sewer |
| \$ 550 | Article 33, 2013 Annual Meeting | Playground |

COMMENT: These rescissions are from previously authorized borrowings for projects which have been completed and which amounts are unissued debt that is no longer required.

ARTICLE 26 APPROPRIATION/FINANCING OF CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION OF SEWERS AND SEWERAGE FACILITIES

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of financing the construction or reconstruction of sewers and sewerage facilities for inflow/infiltration reduction or system rehabilitation, including costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine how the appropriation shall be raised or expended, including the possibility of borrowing all or some of same; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager and the Director of Public Works)

VOTED: That the sum of \$1,000,000 be and hereby is appropriated for the purpose of financing the construction or reconstruction of sewers and sewerage facilities, inflow/infiltration reduction or system rehabilitation, including costs incidental and related thereto; that to raise this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$1,000,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7, of the General Laws, as amended, or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore; and that the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager be and hereby are authorized to enter into any agreements they determine to be necessary in connection with the project and its financing and are further authorized to accept and expend in addition to the foregoing appropriation any grants that may become available from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority or other sources.

COMMENT: This authorization allows the Town to receive an interest free loan from the MWRA and issue municipal debt in support of capital construction projects.

ARTICLE 27 APPROPRIATION/FINANCING OF CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAINS AND WATER FACILITIES

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of financing the construction or reconstruction of water mains and water facilities, including costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine how the appropriation shall be raised and expended including the possibility of borrowing all or some of same; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager and the Director of Public Works)

VOTED: That the sum of \$900,000 be and hereby is appropriated for the purpose of financing the construction or reconstruction of water mains and water facilities, including costs incidental and related thereto; that to raise this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$900,000 under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 8, of the General Laws, as amended, or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore; and that the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager be and hereby are authorized to enter into any agreements they determine to be necessary in connection with the project and its financing and are further authorized to accept and expend in addition to the foregoing appropriation any grants that may become available from the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority or other sources.

COMMENT: This authorization allows the Town to receive an interest free loan from the MWRA and issue municipal debt in support of capital construction projects.

ARTICLE 28 **APPROPRIATION/MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of paying the Town's apportioned share of the operating and maintenance costs, including capital costs, of the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical High School, determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Minuteman Regional Vocational School District Committee)

VOTED: That the sum of \$4,010,950 be and hereby is appropriated for the purpose of paying the Town's apportioned share of the operating and maintenance costs, including capital costs, of the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical High School District Budget; said sum to be raised by general tax and expended under the direction of the Minuteman Regional Vocational High School Committee. (14-3)

ARTICLE 29 **APPROPRIATION/COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums of money to be expended under the direction of various committees, commissions, and boards of the Town, determine how the money shall be raised; provided that any funds appropriated hereunder shall remain under the jurisdiction of said entities until expended at their direction, unless otherwise appropriated by the Town Meeting; the entities included hereunder, without limitation, are: Arlington Historical Commission, Arlington Recycling Committee, Avon Place Historic District Commission, Broadway Historic District Commission, Central Street Historic District Commission, Mt. Gilboa/Crescent Hill Historic District Commission, Jason/Gray Historic District Commission, Pleasant Street Historic District Commission, Russell Historic District Commission, Conservation Commission, Capital Planning Committee, Commission on Disability, Personnel Board, Public Memorial Committee, Human Rights Commission, Arlington Committee on Tourism and Economic Development, Vision 2020, Transportation Advisory Committee,

Arlington Commission on Arts and Culture, and any other Town Committee or Commission; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

VOTED: That the sum of \$25,695 be and hereby is appropriated to be expended by the following commissions, committees, and boards in the amounts indicated:

- A. Arlington Historical Commission – \$2,160
- B. Historic District Commissions – \$5,100
(Avon Place Historic District Commission, Broadway Historic District Commission, Central Street Historic District commission, Jason/Gray Historic District Commission, Russell Historic District Commission, Pleasant Street Historic District Commission and Mount Gilboa/Crescent Hill Historic District Commission)
- C. Capital Planning Committee – \$0
- D. Commission on Disability – \$3,000
- E. Recycling Committee – \$3,000
- F. Human Rights Commission – \$4,500
- G. Arlington Tourism and Economic Development Committee - \$1,775
- H. Vision 2020 - \$3,000 (9-8)
- I. Transportation Advisory Committee - \$0
- J. Arlington Commission on Arts and Culture - \$3,160

Said sums to be raised by general tax and expended under the direction of the various commissions, committees and boards.

ARTICLE 30

APPROPRIATION/TOWN CELEBRATIONS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums of money to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager for the following celebrations and memorials, determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto:

- Veterans’ Day Parade
- Memorial Day Observation and the Patriots’ Day Celebration
- Display of American Flags on Massachusetts Avenue
- Placing of American Flags on the Graves of Veterans

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

VOTED: The sum of \$10,167 be and hereby is appropriated for the following celebrations and memorials in the amounts indicated:

- A. Veterans’ Day Parade, Memorial Day Observation and the Patriots’ Day Celebration. - \$5,667
- B. 2015 Town Day Celebration - \$0
- C. Display of American Flags on Massachusetts Avenue - \$0
- D. Placing of American Flags on the Graves of Veterans - \$4,500

Said sum to be raised by general tax and expended under the direction of the Town Manager.

ARTICLE 31

APPROPRIATION/MISCELLANEOUS

To see if the Town will vote the following:

Legal Defense – To appropriate a sum of money to replenish the Legal Defense Fund established under Article 13, Section 5 of Title 1 of the Town Bylaws, Out-Of-State Travel – To appropriate a sum of money for expenses incurred outside the Commonwealth and as described in the General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5, Paragraph 34, said appropriation to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager, Indemnification of Medical Costs, to appropriate a sum of money in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 100B of the General Laws, to indemnify certain retired Police Officers and Firefighters for all reasonable medical and surgical expenses which they incurred, determine how the money will be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

VOTED: The sum of \$8,500 be and hereby is appropriated for the following purposes:

- A. Legal Defense - To appropriate a sum of money to replenish the Legal Defense Fund established under Article 13 of Title I of the Town By-Laws - \$0**
- B. Indemnification of Medical Costs – \$8,500**

(To indemnify certain retired Police Officers and Firefighters for all reasonable medical and surgical expenses which they incurred during the previous calendar year that are the proximate result of the disability for which they were retired; and to defray the expenses of the Medical Panel required by law; provided, incurred expenses shall be considered for indemnification thereunder except only those such as are excess over covered benefits of any plan of Hospital, Surgical or other coverage which the retiree has or had available to him, either directly or through a member of his immediate family, which benefits shall be considered primary, and which must be disclosed by such plan, or by the physician, hospital or other medical personnel or facility with or without the consent of the retiree.)

Said sums to be raised by general tax and expended under the direction of the Town Manager.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

ARTICLE 32

**APPROPRIATION/PUBLIC ART EAST ARLINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE CORRIDOR**

To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to fund the facilitation of a process to select and place public art at multiple locations along the East Arlington Massachusetts Avenue Corridor, said sum to be raised by the general tax and expended under the direction of the Town Manager; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

VOTED: That the sum of \$12,000 be and hereby is appropriated for the purpose of funding the facilitation of a process to select and place public art at multiple locations along the East Arlington Massachusetts Avenue corridor; said sum to be raised by general tax and expended under the direction of the Town Manager. (13-5)

COMMENT: These funds will be used to assist with a public art selection process for projects along the Massachusetts Avenue corridor between Grafton and Cleveland Streets. It is anticipated that funds for the actual construction and maintenance will be raised privately.

ARTICLE 33

**APPROPRIATION/HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION/FUND
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate funds for the position of Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Stephen Harrington and ten registered voters)

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen is requested to investigate the position of Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission and report its findings to the next Annual Town Meeting. The Board should determine the need for such a position and whether this position and its duties can be handled by an existing member of the Human Services staff. If the Board determines that this position is not needed for the Commission to fulfill its responsibilities, they are requested to submit necessary amendments to the Town bylaws eliminating the requirement for the Executive Director position.

COMMENT: The duties of Executive Director of the Human Rights Commission are currently handled by the Director of Human Services with money appropriated for direct staff support to the Commission included in Article 29. This situation has existed for many years and the Human Rights Commission has not requested additional funds for staff support or complained about the current management situation. This article is here because no one has been appointed officially to the Director position. The Finance Committee is recommending that the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen correct this situation. If it is corrected by the time this article is heard, the Finance Committee will move No Action on this article.

ARTICLE 34

APPROPRIATION/WATER BODIES FUND

To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to the Town’s Water Bodies Fund for the maintenance, treatment and oversight of all the Town’s water bodies, said sum (\$40,000) to be raised by the general tax, and expended under the direction of the Town Manager who will also report to Town Meeting on the status of the fund; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Vision 2020’s Environment Task Group’s Spy Pond Committee)

VOTED: That the sum of \$40,000 be and hereby is appropriated to the Water Bodies Fund for the purpose of testing, maintaining, treating and oversight of the Town’s water bodies. Said sum to be raised by the general taxes and expended under the direction of the Town Manager. The Town Manager shall report to the next Annual Town Meeting on the status of the various water bodies of the Town, including ponds and brooks, and the short and long term policies and programs that will be needed to maintain their quality.

COMMENT: The Water Bodies Fund, established by special legislation in 2008, is used for periodic testing, treatment, maintenance and oversight of the town’s water bodies. The fund receives private donations as well as public appropriations. The current use is for treatment to reduce growth of invasive weeds at Spy Pond, the Arlington Reservoir, and Hills Pond. The Finance Committee believes that a long-term plan to maintain all our rivers, streams and ponds is needed to guide these efforts.

ARTICLE 35

APPROPRIATION/HARRY BARBER COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00 for the Harry Barber Community Service Program for the Council on Aging, to determine how the money will be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Council on Aging)

VOTED: That the sum of \$7,500 be and hereby is appropriated for the purpose of conducting the Harry Barber Community Service Program; said sum to be raised by general tax and expended under the direction of the Town Manager.

COMMENT: This program provides the opportunity for senior citizens to provide service in various Town departments in exchange for payment, which they can use to help with taxes and rent.

ARTICLE 36

**APPROPRIATION/BATTLE ROAD SCENIC BYWAY:
ROAD TO REVOLUTIONS**

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 in support of activities specified by the MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING by and between the Town of Arlington, the Town of Lexington, the Town of Lincoln, the Town of Concord, and the Minute Man National Historical Park for the purpose of establishing a permanent management entity for The Battle Road Scenic Byway: Road to Revolutions, said sum to be raised by the general tax; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Arlington Committee on Tourism and Economic Development)

VOTED: That the sum of \$5,000 be and hereby is appropriated to support activities specified by the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Arlington, the Town of Lexington, the Town of Lincoln, the Town of Concord, and the Minute Man National Historical Park for the purpose of promoting The Battle Road Scenic Byway: Road to Revolutions. Said sum to be raised by general tax and expended under the direction of the Town Manager.

COMMENT: These funds, together with the contributions from the other towns, will be used to support the activities of the committee established at the 2014 Annual Town Meeting that coordinates the actions of the four towns and the National Historic Park in order to improve tourism and related economic development within the area. This will be especially important to Arlington since we tend to be overlooked in regards to regional tourism.

ARTICLE 37

**APPROPRIATION/PENSION ADJUSTMENT FOR FORMER
TWENTY-FIVE YEAR/ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY EMPLOYEES**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to implement the provisions of Chapter 32 of Massachusetts General Laws Section 90A, 90C, 90D and 90E, pursuant to which the Town pays up to fifty percent of the maximum salary as set forth in the Compensation and Pay Plan for the position formerly held by retired employees with twenty-five or more years of service to the Town and those employees who retired under an Accidental Disability; provided, however, that no one who retires after May 1, 2010 shall be eligible under this vote unless they qualify for at least a fifty percent pension, without this vote upon their retirement; this adjustment to be paid to those who qualify and administered in accordance with prior practice and understanding relating to the retirement allowance of said retirees; determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Contributory Retirement Board)

VOTED: That the sum of \$0 be and hereby is appropriated to implement the provisions of Chapter 32 of Massachusetts General Laws Section 90A, 90C, 90D and 90E, pursuant to which the Town pays up to fifty percent of the maximum salary as set forth in the Compensation and Pay Plan for the position formerly held by retired employees with twenty-five or more years of service to the Town and those employees

who retired under an Accidental Disability; provided, however, that no one who retires after May 1, 2010 shall be eligible under this vote unless they qualify for at least a fifty percent pension, without this vote, upon their retirement. This adjustment to be paid to those who qualify, and administered in accordance with prior practice and understanding relating to the retirement allowance of said retirees; said sum to be expended under the direction of the Retirement Board. (15-0-1)

COMMENT: This vote, which is required annually, allows the Retirement Board to ensure that retired employees will not drop below 50% of the current salary of the position they held as an active Town employee.

ARTICLE 38 **APPROPRIATION/OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) TRUST FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to accept into the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund, established by Chapter 161 of the Acts of 2005, an appropriation of funds and/or the transfer of additional monies that the Town may deem advisable from other sources, including any monies previously deposited into any of the Town's stabilization funds for this purpose, in order to administer and fund its OPEB obligation as described in the said Chapter 161 of the Acts of 2005; determine how the monies shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Contributory Retirement Board)

VOTED: **That the Town takes the following actions:**

- (a) **appropriates into said Other Post-Employment Benefits Fund (OPEB), authorized by Chapter 161 of the Acts of 2005, the sum of \$413,000 representing that amount of money that is the difference between the previously established base amount of \$500,000 and the fiscal 2016 appropriation for the non-contributory pension obligation; said sum to be raised by the general tax;**
- (b) **appropriates into said fund the sum of \$155,000 representing the increased share of retiree HMO contributions as voted by the Board of Selectmen on November 6, 2006; said sum to be raised by the general tax.**
- (c) **appropriates into said fund the sum of \$300,000 to be transferred from the remaining balance in the health benefit trust fund.**
- (d) **appropriates into said fund the sum of \$92,800; said sum to be raised by the general tax. (13-2-1)**

COMMENT: These recommendations continue the program to fund the unfunded liability for retiree health insurance.

ARTICLE 39 ACCEPTANCE OF LEGISLATION/INCREASE OF SURVIVOR BENEFITS

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 65 of Chapter 139 of the Acts of 2012 to increase the benefit paid to survivors under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 32, Section 101 from \$9,000 to \$12,000 annually; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Contributory Retirement Board)

VOTED: That no action be taken under this article.

COMMENT: Insufficient information will be available on the impact of this change by the time the Town Meeting begins. The Arlington Retirement Board thereby requested that this article be evaluated in the 2016 Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 40 APPROPRIATION/LONG TERM STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will make an appropriation to the Long Term Stabilization Fund in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5B, as amended, or other appropriate provisions of law, determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Finance Committee)

VOTED: That the sum of \$100,000 be and hereby is appropriated to the Long Term Stabilization Fund, said sum to be raised by general tax.

COMMENT: The Finance Committee recommends that we appropriate a yearly sum in this account for the foreseeable future to both protect the financial position of the Town and reinforce the Town's bond rating.

ARTICLE 41 APPROPRIATION/OVERLAY RESERVE

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from previous years overlay reserve surplus accounts, determine to what purpose this appropriation shall be made; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Finance Committee)

VOTED: That the sum of \$350,000 be and hereby is appropriated, to be transferred from Overlay Reserve Surplus Accounts of previous fiscal years, said sum to be utilized in the determination of the tax rate.

ARTICLE 42 TRANSFER OF FUNDS/CEMETERY

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money to the Cemetery Commissioners for the improvement of Town cemeteries, said sum shall be taken from the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery "Sale of Lots and Graves or Perpetual Care Funds"; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Finance Committee)

VOTED: That the Town transfers \$150,000 to the Cemetery Commissioners for the care of Town cemeteries and \$10,000 to the Capital Budget for headstone cleaning and repair, said \$150,000 to the Cemetery Commissioners shall be taken from the Perpetual Care Fund; and \$10,000 to the Capital Budget from the Sale of Lots and Graves.

ARTICLE 43 **USE OF FREE CASH**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the taking of a sum of money voted for appropriations heretofore made at the Town Meeting under the Warrant and not voted to be borrowed from available funds in the Treasury, and authorize the Assessors to use free cash in the Treasury to that amount in the determination of the tax rate for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Finance Committee)

VOTED: That the sum of \$3,435,846 be taken from available funds in the treasury, and that the Board of Assessors is instructed to use said amount in the determination of the tax rate.

ARTICLE 44 **APPROPRIATION/ FISCAL STABILITY STABILIZATION FUND**

To see if the Town will make an appropriation to or from the Fiscal Stability Stabilization Fund created under Article 65 of the 2005 Annual Town Meeting or any other enabling action of Town Meeting in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5B, as amended, or other appropriate provisions of law, determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Finance Committee)

VOTED: That the sum of \$2,782,763 be appropriated to the Fiscal Stability Stabilization Fund, said sum to be raised by general tax and expended under the direction of future town meetings.

ARTICLE 45 The Town Moderator will report on this article.

ARTICLE 46 **RESOLUTION/MASTER PLAN ENDORSEMENT**

To see if the Town will accept, receive, or resolve to endorse the Master Plan, adopted by the Arlington Redevelopment Board; or take any action related hereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Redevelopment Board)

VOTED: The Finance Committee supports the Favorable Action recommendation of the Master Plan Endorsement of the Redevelopment Board. (10-0-5)

COMMENT:

The affirmative vote of the majority of the Finance Committee is meant to indicate its support for the Redevelopment Board's recommendation to endorse the Master Plan in general, and the Economic Development goals in particular, and to express its appreciation for the work of everyone involved in the plan's development. The Finance Committee has taken no position on any specific proposals, and will consider each independently as they are presented to future Town Meetings. The minority votes were not in opposition to the Redevelopment Board's recommendation, but were opposed to the Finance Committee taking any position on this article.