

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING TOWN HALL LYON'S ROOM 7:30 PM 1/20/16

ATTENDEES:

Deyst* White Caccavaro* Kellar* McKenna*
DeCourcey* Wallach* Harmer* Gibian*

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Tosti* Foskett* Bayer* Duvadie*
Russell* Beck Jones* Deshler

Franclemont* Howard* Fanning* Carman* Turkall*

*Indicates present

VISITORS: Town Manager Adam Chapdelaine, Superintendent Kathleen Bodie, School Committee Member Cindy Starks, Betty Stone, Marianne Raciuppi, Ann Balluittere, Linda Shoemaker, Timur Yonter, Steve Liggett

RECOGNITION: A moment of silence was observed for long time FinCom member Ken Simmons who died last fall.

ART 2&3: STRATTON SCHOOL RENOVATION: Bodie, after briefly reviewing work already done (Stratton I), described the results of a study to identify what additional work is needed (Stratton II) to make Stratton on a par with the other schools. Foskett, Chair of the Capital Planning Committee, provided a preliminary CPC Report (Ref 1). He reviewed the renovation of the last 4 elementary schools and how the funds from the associated debt exclusion override votes have been used. The Stratton School is the last school to be renovated. No State matching funds are available. The total cost is \$15,793,000. The CPC has identified various available funds that reduce the additional required borrowing to \$9,965,640 for the renovation and \$3,100,000 for modular classrooms to house the students during construction which is expected to be finished 9/17. During the discussion that followed numerous questions were answered.

ART 2: Voted \$3,100,000 as printed in the draft FinCom Report (Ref 2). Unanimous.

ART 3: Voted \$11,608,000 as printed in the draft FinCom Report. Unanimous

ART 4 SCHOOL CAPACITY EXPANSION: Chapdelaine reviewed the work of the School Enrollment Task Force that he chairs. The work of the Task Force is not complete. They have recommended renting 2 temporary modular classrooms to use at Thompson to address the most urgent problem. Funds are needed to allow the classrooms to be in place by 9/16. Tosti recommended using the Reserve Fund since there are no demands on it at this time and it would allow the Town some flexibility in arranging a contract. A variety of questions were asked & suggestions made. Carman, using a handout (Ref 3), described the town-wide scope of the projected enrollment increase. Foskett agreed that a broader plan is needed but listed the various difficulties in developing such a plan for this STM.

VOTED to ask the Town Meeting to support the use of the Reserve Fund for this purpose. Unanimous

ART 7 WAYLAND WITHDRAWAL FROM MM TECH: Tosti asked for reconsideration since some members did not understand the issue before the original vote in December. VOTED to reconsider. Unanimous.

VOTED to support a no action vote of the Board of Selectmen. Unanimous.

COMMITTEE: The next meeting will be 7:30 Monday before Town Meeting. The first meeting to prepare for the Annual Town Meeting will be Feb 1. Goal will be to finish by the end March. No meeting the 1st week of April. All subcommittees urged to meet as soon as possible. RESERVE FUND BALANCE: \$1,200,000.

Peter Howard 1/22/16 Revised 1/25/16

Ref 1 CPC Report To Special Town Meeting 1/25/16 Ref 2 FinCom Report to Special Town Meeting 1/25/16 Ref 3 Comparison of Historic Enrollment vs McKibbon Projections



TOWN OF ARLINGTON

CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Report to Town Meeting

Special Town Meeting January 25, 2016

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REPORT OF THE CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Capital Planning Process

A capital plan is a blueprint for planning a community's capital expenditures. Capital expenditures provide the physical infrastructure upon which the town bases its delivery of services. This infrastructure includes roads and sidewalks, schools and other town buildings, recreational facilities, heavy machinery, and office, data processing and telecommunication equipment. It includes the facilities, the pathways, and the machinery for government services.

The Capital Planning Committee was established by the 1986 Arlington Town Meeting to assist the Town Manager in preparing a multi-year capital plan. The Committee consists of the Town Manager, Superintendent of Schools, Treasurer, Comptroller (or their designees), a representative of the Finance Committee, and four registered voters of the town appointed by the Moderator.

The Capital Planning Committee began work in the fall of 2015 on the five-year plan, FY2017-FY2021. The FY2017 Budget Request forms were reviewed and department heads met with the Committee through the month of January 2016. The Committee discussed each department's requests and general department needs at these meetings. Based on this information, the Committee presented its recommendations to the Town Manager for submittal with the Operating Budget. The Committee will present its plan to the Finance Committee in March 2016.

The Capital Planning Committee does not estimate the costs that appear in the Capital Plan. We obtain these cost estimates from the Department Managers and from the Office of the Town Manager. During the past 25 years, cost estimates have been reasonably accurate except in the case of major reconstruction of buildings such the Ottoson School and the Community Safety Building, for which original cost estimates were significantly below final cost.

Scope of this Report

The FY2017 Capital Budget and the five-year Capital Plan for FY2017-FY2021 will be presented to the Annual Town Meeting in April 2016. This report addresses only items in the Special Town Meeting called for January 25, 2016. The Committee's recommendations at the Special Town Meeting for capital costs to be incurred in this and future fiscal years will be included in and accounted for in the Five Year Plan to be presented at the Annual Town Meeting in April. The recommended vote may include both "Non-Exempt" and "Exempt" debt (and debt service), the latter so-called because it is excluded from the limitations of Proposition 2½ by votes of the citizens of the Town in 1998, 2000 and 2001. In the course of this report we will refer to such debt and debt service as "Exempt", and all other capital spending debt and debt service as "Non-Exempt", because such spending is not exempt from the spending limits of Proposition 2½.

The Special Town Meeting Includes the following items relevant to near and longer term Capital Expenditures:

ARTICLE 2	CAPITAL BUDGET/STRATTON SCHOOL MODULAR CLASSROOMS
ARTICLE 3	CAPITAL BUDGET/STRATTON SCHOOL RENOVATION
ARTICLE 4	CAPITAL BUDGET/SCHOOL CAPACITY EXPANSION
ARTICLE 6	MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL: BOND AUTHORIZATION FOR MINUTEMAN SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION
ARTICLE 7	MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL: AMENDMENT TO THE DISTRICT AGREEMENT OF THE MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ALLOW WAYLAND'S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE DISTRICT

ARTICLE 8

MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE DISTRICT AGREEMENT, INCLUDING AN "INITIAL WITHDRAWAL PROCESS"

For these articles, the recommended vote before the Town Meeting will be the recommendation of the Finance Committee. The Capital Planning Committee will comment on Articles 2, 3 and 8.

The Stratton II Project

In 1998, Arlington voters passed a debt exclusion to rebuild or renovate the Brackett, Hardy and Bishop Schools. Town leaders essentially made a pact with the voters that if they voted for two debt exclusions, all seven elementary schools would be modernized in two phases. On April 1, 2000 Arlington voters passed a debt exclusion referendum, 72% in favor 28% against, with 9,985 voting, to exclude from the limits of Proposition 2½ the rebuilding or renovation of the Peirce, Dallin, Thompson and Stratton Schools. At the time, the total project cost was projected to be \$34,500,000 in 2000 dollars, and the projects were scheduled to be done quickly, at the rate of one per year, based on the Town's prior experience with the Bishop, Hardy and Brackett. Town leadership, based on state administrative and legislative guidance, forecast that state reimbursement (by the School Building Assistance Board or SBAB) of 63% would be available for the first two projects, the Peirce and the Dallin, and approximately 50% would be available for the second two projects. Following the Dallin project, state fiscal crises in the early 2000's caused the reduction of state aid to local communities and the freezing of school building reimbursements entirely. The Dallin project was officially approved by SBAB, but no money was available for several years. Eventually, the SBAB was dissolved and replaced by a different organization with different funding mechanisms, the Massachusetts School Building Administration or MSBA, moved from the Governor's jurisdiction to the Treasurer of the Commonwealth. The Dallin project was funded and completed in 2006.

The new MSBA declined entirely to offer reimbursement for the Stratton School renovation because it was judged to be in less need of renovation that many other schools that had been petitioned by towns to the MSBA. Arlington proceeded to make smaller renovation investments in the Stratton School (Stratton I project). The Arlington School Department then petitioned for financial support for the rebuilding of the Thompson School. After a process of several years the project was approved and launched, and the new Thompson School opened in 2013.

A study initiated by the School Department indicated that a Stratton renovation would cost \$11 million or more after inflation, depending on when the project was started. Following a recommendation by the Capital Planning Committee at the 2015 Annual Town Meeting, Town Meeting authorized \$1,085,000 for the architectural plans and other related costs to prepare for a 2016 construction authorization and a one-year renovation project to begin in the fall of 2016. The final project funding was planned for 2016, following the completion of the architectural designs. Overall, the projects were delayed by the state, by fiscal pressures and by the state's decision to not reimburse Arlington for the costs of the Stratton. The families in the Stratton School district have been waiting sixteen years for the realization of this project.

Before asking Town meeting to authorize this expenditure, the Capital Planning Committee reviewed all the costs of the prior projects and the anticipated costs of the Stratton to determine if, after sixteen years, the Town has substantially kept to its commitment with respect to the exempt tax increase impact of the four school projects on Arlington's taxpayers.

Table 1 Actual Construction Costs Adjusted for Inflation

Year 2000	Annual inflation Rate 4.7%	Project	Project Value Adjusted for Inflation	Peirce 8,200,000	Dallin 10,430,000	Thompson 8,844,000	Stratton 7,026,000	Actual Construction Cost, Nominal Dollars	Actual Construction Costs in 2000 Dollars
2001	2.2%	Peirce	36,120,082	8,585,063	1	1	1	9,978,436	\$9,530,877
2002	2.8%		36,929,374						
2003	3.4%		37,949,351						
2004	6.6%		39,240,923						
2005	5.4%		41,830,058	_					
2006	4.3%	Dallin	44,093,180		13,330,199			11,785,302	\$9,221,220
2007	5.4%		45,989,349						
2008	3.6%		48,479,632						
2009	-0.1%		50,246,994						
2010	3.3%		50,211,047						
2011	2.5%		51,844,110			-			
2012	2.3%	Stratton I	53,127,693		_	<u> </u>		2,883,465	\$1,872,461
2013	1.9%	Thompson	54,336,389		Ĺ	13,929,015		19,570,558	\$12,426,005
2014	1.5%		55,381,329						
2015	1.0%		56,233,557			_			
2016	n/a	Stratton II	56,795,893	•			11,566,607	15,793,000	\$9,593,273
						1	Total .	60,010,761	\$42,643,836

Table I above shows the impact of inflation (reference Massachusetts Department of Revenue, "DOR", Informational Guideline Release (IGR) No. 02-101 March 2002, Page 3, note 3) on the original \$34,500,000 project, and the total construction costs in both nominal (actual) dollars and in 2000 dollars. Each year Arlington balances its non-exempt budget, and the capital budget is constrained to be within 5% of the non-exempt budget.

The important question is, considering the delays, the lack of funding for the Stratton, and the effect of reimbursement and inflation, what has been the impact of exempt tax increases on Arlington's citizens over this period?

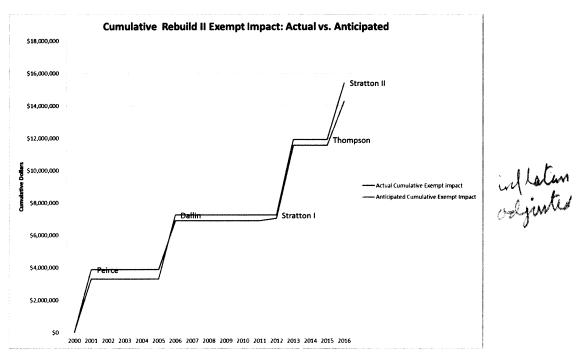


Figure 1 Cumulative Exempt Debt Impact Actual vs. Anticipated

Arlington's School Department has worked aggressively and successfully over time to maximize state reimbursement for school renewal projects. The Town Manager, Finance Committee, Capital Planning Committee and Town Meeting have also worked successfully to reduce the exempt tax impact on taxpayers by paying for portions of the project through the non-exempt capital plan and by selling underutilized assets. Figure 1 Cumulative Exempt Debt Impact Actual vs. Anticipated, using accounting and reconciliation procedures authorized by DOR and reviewed and vetted by the Town Comptroller, compares the anticipated cumulative exempt tax impact of the 2000 Rebuild Referendum with the actual cumulative exempt impact shown in 2000 dollars. It can be seen that the inflation-adjusted costs have been managed by the Town to be within those originally anticipated in 2000.

The funding plan for the Stratton II project is shown in Table II below:

Table 2 Stratton II Funding Plan		miludu reemt
Stratton Funding Plan		Million Maria
Total Project Cost	\$15,793,000	Na Con
Non-exempt in 2017 Capital Plan bonding	\$6,318,846	
Prior BAN	\$1,085,000	
Total non-exempt Debt	\$7,403,846	_
Apply Capital Carryforward	1,642,360	
Total non-exempt contribution	\$9,046,206	- Torquery Com Sonfater
Exempt Debt Required	\$6,746,794	•
		- DAN Blog
Asset Sale Contribution	\$1,000,000	- 0/2
Exempt Impact After Asset Sale	\$5,746,794	
Article 2 Non-exempt Modular Amount (Non-exempt Debt)	\$3,100,000	- necret weerson being demand
Article 3		
Total Project	\$15,793,000	
Less Prior Appropriation	(\$1,085,000)	
Less Article 2	(\$3,100,000)	
Net Article 3 Requirement	\$11,608,000	
Funded by Transfer	(\$1,642,360)	
Balance funded by debt	\$9,965,640	
Non-exempt	\$3,218,846	
Exempt	\$6,746,794	•
Total Article 3	\$11,608,000	
Total Article 2 and 3	\$15,793,000	

Table 2 above describes the Stratton II Funding Plan. The total project is currently estimated at \$15,793,000, with a note that all the final bids have not yet been received. The 2015 Annual Town Meeting authorized \$1,085,000 for the project. The Capital Planning Committee, based on the Permanent Town Building Committee's analysis of bids, is recommending favorable action in Article 2 for a \$3,100,000 appropriation for modular classrooms for use at the Stratton School during construction. The Committee is recommending a favorable Town Meeting vote on the balance of the required appropriation of \$11,608,000 in Article 3, of which \$28,959 is to be transferred from unused funds appropriated in Article 45 of the 2007 Annual Town Meeting, \$1,113,773 is to be transferred from Article 5 of the May 2011 Special Town Meeting, and \$499,268 is to be transferred from Article 24 of the 2015 Annual Town

Meeting, with the balance of \$9,966,000 to be funded by borrowing. After the sale of a Town-owned parcel at 1207 Massachusetts Avenue, expected to be at least \$1,000,000, the anticipated exempt debt impact is \$5,746,794, which is included in the analysis in Table 1 and in Figure 1. A shortfall in the anticipated sale price will result in a smaller reduction of the exempt debt balance.

The completion of the Stratton School II project will mark the fulfillment of the Town's objectives set out in the Rebuild 2000 debt exclusion referendum, and the completion of the elementary and middle school projects outlined by the Capital Planning Committee in 1991. The total investment to date in Arlington's educational infrastructure under this program has been approximately \$98.8 million.

Recommended Votes

ARTICLE 2 CAPITAL BUDGET/STRATTON SCHOOL MODULAR CLASSROOMS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for temporary classroom space for the Stratton School to be utilized during building renovations, determine how the money 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 Capital Planning Committee)

VOTED:

That the sum of \$3,100,000 be and hereby is appropriated to fund temporary classroom space for the Stratton School to be utilized during building renovations and for costs incidental and related thereto; that to raise this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow \$3,100,000 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 said sums to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager.

The Capital Planning Committee requests that you support its recommendation on Article 2.

ARTICLE 3 CAPITAL BUDGET/STRATTON SCHOOL RENOVATION

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for renovations to the Stratton School, determine how the money 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 Capital Planning Committee)

VOTED:

That the sum of \$11,608,000 be and hereby is appropriated to fund renovations to the Stratton School and for costs incidental and related thereto; that that to raise this appropriation \$28,959 is transferred from the prior capital budget voted under Article 45 of the 2007 Annual Town Meeting, \$1,113,773 is transferred from the prior appropriation under Article 5 of the May 9, 2011 Special Town Meeting and it is further voted that the vote under Article 24 of the 2015 Annual Town Meeting is amended to apportion \$499,268 of the \$7,647,000 authorization to be borrowed for the Phase-3 Community Safety Building Renovation Project, for the purposes of funding Stratton elementary school renovations, and with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, the Treasurer is authorized to borrow \$9,966,000 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, provided however that any proceeds of sale up to \$1,000,000 of an asset of the Town identified as a Building and Lot located at 1207 Massachusetts Avenue Parcel Id. No. 57-4-14 (Page No. 5873 Lot No. 485) shall be used as a cash authorization to offset debt authorized under this vote, said sums to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager.

The Capital Planning Committee requests that you support its recommendation on Article 2.

COMMENT: The process of refining estimates of the above costs will be continuing past the date that this report is mailed. Because of this continuing process, there may be changes at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 4 CAPITAL BUDGET/SCHOOL CAPACITY EXPANSION

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for capacity expansion, temporary or permanent, at any of the Town's school buildings, determine how the money 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 Capital Planning Committee)

VOTED:

That the Town Meeting supports the transfer of funds by the Finance Committee from the Town's reserve fund of a sum of money to fund temporary classroom space for the Thompson School and for costs incidental and related thereto.

COMMENT: The Finance Committee and the School Enrollment Task Force will be reporting on this Article. The Capital Planning Committee supports the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE 6 MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL: BOND AUTHORIZATION FOR MINUTEMAN SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

To see if the Town will vote to approve debt authorized by vote of the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District for the purpose of paying Arlington's apportioned capital costs for the construction of a new Regional Vocational Technical School building in Lincoln, Massachusetts, the design for which having been approved by the Regional School Committee, said sum to be expended at the direction of the Minuteman School Building Committee; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

VOTED: <u>That no action be taken under this article.</u>

COMMENT: The Minuteman Regional school committee has not taken action at this time to recommend a bond

authorization for the Town Meeting to consider.

ARTICLE 7

MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL: AMENDMENT TO THE DISTRICT AGREEMENT OF THE MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ALLOW WAYLAND 'S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE DISTRICT

To see if the Town will accept and approve the "Amendment to Minuteman Regional Agreement regarding the Withdrawal of the Town of Wayland from the Minuteman Regional School District" which was approved by the Minuteman Regional School Committee on July 7, 2015 and which has been submitted to the Board of Selectmen consistent with the current Minuteman Regional Agreement, or take any action related thereto.

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

VOTED: <u>That no action be taken under this article.</u>

COMMENT: The Town Meeting of Lexington has already voted no on this request making any action by

Arlington moot.

ARTICLE 8 MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL:

SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE DISTRICT AGREEMENT, INCLUDING

AN "INITIAL WITHDRAWAL PROCESS"

To see if the Town will vote, consistent with Section VII of the existing Minuteman "Agreement With Respect to the Establishment of a Technical and Vocational Regional School District," to accept and approve amendments to said Agreement approved by the majority of the Regional School Committee, and which have been submitted to the

Board of Selectmen of each member town prior to its respective vote on this article, including amendments which would allow for the withdrawal of present members of the District, or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

COMMENT: The Capital Planning Committee supports the favorable action motion of the Board of Selectmen on

the revised amendments to the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District agreement.

Respectfully submitted by: Stephen J. Andrew – Moderator Appointee

Charles T. Foskett, Chairman – FinCom Designee Diane Johnson – School Superintendent's Designee Anthony T. Lionetta, Secretary – Moderator Appointee

Eve Margolis – Town Manager Designee Michael Morse – Town Treasurer Designee

Brian H. Rehrig, Vice-Chairman - Moderator Appointee

Barbara Thornton – Moderator Appointee Richard Viscay – Town Comptroller

Town of Arlington Massachusetts

Report of the Finance Committee

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING Monday, January 25, 2016

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.)

ARTICLE 2 CAPITAL BUDGET/STRATTON SCHOOL MODULAR CLASSROOMS

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

VOTED:

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COMMENT: An explanation of the above recommendation can be found in the Capital Planning Committee Report.

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COMMENT: The estimates of the above costs will be continuing past the date that this report is mailed. Because of this continuing process, there may be changes at Town Meeting. An explanation of the above recommendation can be found in the Capital Planning Committee Report.

ARTICLE 4 CAPITAL BUDGET/SCHOOL CAPACITY EXPANSION

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for capacity expansion, temporary or permanent, at any of the Town's school buildings, determine how the money 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 Capital Planning Committee)

VOTED:

That the Town Meeting supports the transfer of funds by the Finance Committee from the Town's reserve fund of a sum of money to fund temporary classroom space for the Thompson School and for costs incidental and related thereto.

COMMENT: The above recommendation is made in response to a unanimous vote of the Enrollment Task Force which has been meeting in December and January to

review, discuss and make recommendations on the space needs of the Arlington school system. The increase in enrollment over the last several years has used up many of the available classrooms in the system. The recommendation temporarily eases the problem at the Thompson, without the need of busing the students across town to the Peirce school and allows for careful review of actual numbers from next fall's enrollment. Over the next several months, the Enrollment Task Force will be studying the challenges at the Ottoson Middle School with the goal of making recommendation at a future town meeting.

This proposed resolution supports the use of reserve fund monies to begin the process as soon as possible in order to speed the project towards implementation for the fiscal 2016-2017 school year.

ARTICLE 5 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, 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 (Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

VOTED: That the Town hereby ratifies the following financial items in the collective bargaining agreement with the following enumerated collective bargaining unit:

- A. Local 680, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees
- (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) an adjustment to the snow and ice incentive; and

that for this purpose the sum of \$144,056.00 be and hereby is transferred from Warrant Article 20 set aside by vote of the 2015 Annual Town Meeting and expended under the direction of the Town Manager.

COMMENT: All town unions are now settled through July 1, 2018.

✓ ARTICLE 6 MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL: BOND AUTHORIZATION FOR MINUTEMAN SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

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(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

VOTED: <u>That no action be taken under this article.</u>

COMMENT: The Minuteman Regional school committee has not taken action at this time to recommend a bond authorization for the Town Meeting to consider.

ARTICLE 7 MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL: AMENDMENT TO THE DISTRICT AGREEMENT OF THE MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ALLOW WAYLAND 'S WITHDRAWAL FROM THE DISTRICT

To see if the Town will accept and approve the "Amendment to Minuteman Regional Agreement regarding the Withdrawal of the Town of Wayland from the Minuteman Regional School District" which was approved by the Minuteman Regional School Committee on July 7, 2015 and which has been submitted to the Board of Selectmen consistent with the current Minuteman Regional Agreement, or take any action related thereto.

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

VOTED: The Finance Committee supports the no action motion of the Board of Selectmen.

COMMENT: The Town Meeting of Lexington has already voted no on this request making any action by Arlington moot.

ARTICLE 8 MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL: SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENTS TO THE DISTRICT AGREEMENT, INCLUDING AN "INITIAL WITHDRAWAL PROCESS"

To see if the Town will vote, consistent with Section VII of the existing Minuteman "Agreement With Respect to the Establishment of a Technical and Vocational Regional School District," to accept and approve amendments to said Agreement approved by the majority of the Regional School Committee, and which have been submitted to the Board of Selectmen of each member town prior to its respective vote on this article, including amendments which would allow for the withdrawal of present members of the District, or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

VOTED: The Finance Committee supports the favorable action motion of the Board of Selectmen.

COMMENT: These amendments will become effective when all of the town meetings of the 16 member towns vote favorable action.

TOWN OF ARLINGTON COMPARISON OF HISTORIC ENROLLMENT VERSUS MCKIBBON PROJECTIONS

			Aller of Europe States	В	SHOP ELEME	NIANI	SCHOOL	10000			
									20-2021		20-2021
	2010-2				2015-2				BBON V1	MCKIBBON V2	
Grade	Students F		_		Students R		_		Students		Students
5	44	2	22.00	. 5	68	3		5	81	5	76
4	60	3	20.00	4	• 77	3	25.67	4	79	. 4	77
3	64	3	21.33	3	67	3	22.33	3	75	3	75
2	72	3	24.00	2	72	3	24.00	2	70	2	74
1	55	3	18.33	1	74	3	24.67	1	67	1	. 72
K	68	3	22.67	K	68	3	22.67	K	65	K	68
	363	17	21.35		426	18	23.67		437		442
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								202	20-2021	20	20-2021
	2010-2	2011			2015-2	2016		MCK	BBON V1		IBBON V2
Grade	Students F		Avg Class	Grade	Students R	looms	Avg Class	Grade	Students	Grade	Students
5	73	3	24.33	5	91	4	22.75	5	103	5	73
4	76	3	25.33	4	83	4	20.75	4	102	4	76
3	64	3	21.33	3	62	3	20.67	3	98	3	77
2	80	3	26.67	2	81	4	20.25	2	94	2	78
1	67	3	22.33	1	93	4	23.25	1	93	1	79
K	84	4	21.00	K	71	3	23.67	K	88	K	73
	444	19	23.37		481	22	21.86		578		456
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	2010-2	2011			2015-2	2016		MCK	BBON V1	MCK	IBBON V2
Grade	Students F	Rooms	Avg Class	Grade	Students R	looms	Avg Class	Grade	Students	Grade	Students
5	64	3	21.33	5	96	_					71
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4	67	3	22.33	4	76	4	24.00 25.33	5 4	79 79	5 4	71 76
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		3	22.33	4	76	3	25.33	4	79	4	76
3	63	3	22.33 21.00	4 3	76 71	3 3	25.33 23.67	4	79 76	4 3	76 76
3	63 70	3 3 3	22.33 21.00 23.33	4 3 2	76 71 77	3 3 4	25.33 23.67 19.25	4 3 2	79 76 77	4 3 2	76 76 73
3 2 1	63 70 74	3 3 3	22.33 21.00 23.33 24.67	4 3 2 1	76 71 77 82	3 4 3.5	25.33 23.67 19.25 23.43	4 3 2 1	79 76 77 74	4 3 2 1	76 76 73 73
3 2 1	63 70 74 86	3 3 3 3 4	22.33 21.00 23.33 24.67 21.50	4 3 2 1 K	76 71 77 82 68	3 3 4 3.5 3.5 21	25.33 23.67 19.25 23.43 19.43 22.38	4 3 2 1	79 76 77 74 73	4 3 2 1	76 76 73 73 71
3 2 1	63 70 74 86 424	3 3 3 3 4 19	22.33 21.00 23.33 24.67 21.50	4 3 2 1 K	76 71 77 82 68 470 ARDY ELEMEI	3 4 3.5 3.5 21	25.33 23.67 19.25 23.43 19.43 22.38	4 3 2 1 K	79 76 77 74 73 458	4 3 2 1 K	76 76 73 73 71 440
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3 2 1 K	63 70 74 86 424 2010-2 Students F	3 3 3 4 19	22.33 21.00 23.33 24.67 21.50 22.32	4 3 2 1 K	76 71 77 82 68 470 ARDY ELEMEI 2015-2 Students R	3 3 4 3.5 3.5 21 NTARY :	25.33 23.67 19.25 23.43 19.43 22.38 SCHOOL	4 3 2 1 K	79 76 77 74 73 458 20-2021 BBON V1 Students	4 3 2 1 K	76 76 73 73 71 440 20-2021 (IBBON V2 Students
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3 2 1 K Grade 5 4 3 2 1	63 70 74 86 424 2010-2 Students F 40 56 69 57 65	3 3 3 4 19 2011 Rooms 2 2 3 3 3	22.33 21.00 23.33 24.67 21.50 22.32 Avg Class 20.00 28.00 23.00 19.00 21.67	4 3 2 1 K Grade 5 4 3 2 1	76 71 77 82 68 470 ARDY ELEMEN 2015-2 Students R 48 71 61 67 81	3 3 4 3.5 3.5 21 NTARY S	25.33 23.67 19.25 23.43 19.43 22.38 SCHOOL Avg Class 24.00 23.67 20.33 22.33 20.25	4 3 2 1 K 202 MCKI Grade 5 4 3 2 1	79 76 77 74 73 458 20-2021 BBON V1 Students 85 84 86 86 86 83	4 3 2 1 K 20 MCK Grade 5 4 3 2 1	76 76 73 73 71 440 20-2021 IBBON V2 Students 79 82 84 85 85
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PERICE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

								202	20-2021	20	20-2021	
	2010	-2011			2015-2016				MCKIBBON V1		MCKIBBON V2	
Grade	Students	Rooms	Avg Class	Grade	Students	Rooms	Avg Class	Grade	Students	Grade	Students	
5	38	2	19.00	5	39	2	19.50	5	49	5	45	
4	47	2	23.50	4	48	2	24.00	4	41	4	48	
3	40	2	20.00	3	46	2	23.00	3	39	3	39	
2	47	2	23.50	2	44	2	22.00	2	40	2	40	
1	50	2	25.00	1	42	2	21.00	1	41	1	41	
K	44	2	22.00	K	42	2	21.00	K	40	K	39	
	266	12	22.17		261	12	21.75		250		252	

STRATTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

								202	20-2021	20	20-2021
	2010)-2011		2015-2016				MCKIBBON V1		MCKIBBON V2	
Grade	Students	Rooms	Avg Class	Grade	Students	Rooms	Avg Class	Grade	Students	Grade	Students
5	52	2	26.00	5	58	3	19.33	5	87	5	73
4	58	2	29.00	4	67	3	22.33	4	84	4	71
3	43	2	21.50	3	68	3	22.67	3	79	3	69
2	62	3	20.67	2	65	3	21.67	2	75	2	67
1	69	3	23.00	1	67	3	22.33	1	70	1	66
K	59	2	29.50	K	67	3	22.33	K	66	K	61
	343	14	24.50		392	18	21.78		461		407

THOMPSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2010-2011				2015-2016				2020-2021 MCKIBBON V1		2020-2021 MCKIBBON V2	
Grade			Avg Class	Grade	Students		Avg Class		Students		Students
5	49	2	24.50	5	59	2	29.50	5	90	5	83
4	63	3	21.00	4	49	2	24.50	4	85	4	81
3	52	2	26.00	3	81	4	20.25	3	81	3	81
2	45	2	22.50	2	73	3	24.33	2	81	2	84
1	61	3	20.33	1	81	4	20.25	1	82	1	88
K	65	3	21.67	K	82	4	20.50	K	77	Κ	83
	335	15	22.33		425	19	22.37		496		500