WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Monday, February 12, 2018



TOWN OF ARLINGTON

TOWN WARRANT THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss.

To the Constables of the Town of Arlington, in said County:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Arlington to meet in the

TOWN HALL in said Town on

MONDAY THE TWELFTH OF FEBRUARY 2018

at eight o'clock P.M., at which time and place the following articles are to be acted upon and determined exclusively by Town Meeting Members, in accordance with, and subject to, the referenda provided by Chapter 43A of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 1

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

To receive, hear, and act upon the reports of boards, committees, and commissions; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Moderator)

ARTICLE 2

ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/ RECODIFICATION

To see if the Town will vote to recodify, and therefore amend the Zoning Bylaw to make the Bylaw easier for users to navigate, simplify and update its language, and provide a better structure for predictability and flexibility in both the interests of current use and future adaptability, by:

- 1. re-organizing, re-positioning, re-captioning and re-numbering portions of the Zoning Bylaw to enhance accessibility and adaptability;
- 2. updating and clarifying the purpose and authority of the Zoning Bylaw to clearly state the Town's legal and factual premises for zoning regulations;
- 3. improving definitions to more clearly describe zoning districts, uses, and requirements;
- 4. providing greater consistency with present State law;

- 5. eliminating redundant or unnecessary provisions; making amendments such as correcting spelling and typographical errors, and eliminating or updating outdated statutory references;
- 6. revising, re-organizing and clarifying Zoning Bylaw administrative provisions; and
- 7. making other amendments for clarification and consistency;

and by taking the following actions:

1. Deleting in their entirety the following provisions and all their subparts of the existing Zoning Bylaw:

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Article 1: Title, Authority, and Purpose;
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Article 2: Definitions;

Article 3: Establishment of Districts;

Article 4: Interpretation and Application;

Article 5: Use Regulation;

Article 6: Dimensional and Density Regulations;

Article 7: Signs;

Article 8: Off-Street Parking and Loading Regulations;

Article 9: Nonconforming Uses, Structures, and Lots;

Article 10: Administration and Enforcement;

Article 11: Special Regulations;

Article 12: Amendment, Validity, and Effective Date; and

2. Substituting the following provisions and their subparts in the document entitled "Proposed Amended Zoning Bylaw, dated December 14, 2017", or as later amended by the ARB, on file in the office of the Town Clerk and the Department of Planning and Community Development:

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Section 1
                 Purpose and Authority;
                 Definitions:
Section 2
Section 3
                 Administration and Enforcement;
Section 4
                 Establishment of Districts;
Section 5
                 District Regulations;
                 Site Development Standards;
Section 6
                 Special Permits;
Section 7
                 Special Regulations;
Section 8
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3. And by taking any action related thereto.

Changes are set forth in the proposed recodified and amended Town of Arlington Zoning Bylaw dated December 14, 2017, or as later amended by the ARB, (with commentary

and supplementary materials available for informational purposes) on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, and the Department of Planning and Community Development, located at 730 Massachusetts Avenue, and at the Robbins Library Reference Desk, 700 Massachusetts Avenue; and on the Town's website at www.arlingtonma.gov/ARB; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Arlington Redevelopment Board)

ARTICLE 3

BYLAW AMENDMENT/RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION, OPEN EXCAVATION, AND DEMOLITION ACTIVITY REGULATIONS: NOISE ABATEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Bylaws, Title V, Article 12 – Regulations Upon the Use of Private Property: Noise Abatement, to explicitly exempt Department of Public Works and public utilities for work and activity on public and private ways from the provisions of Title V, Article 12, Section 3.A; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

ARTICLE 4

BYLAW AMENDMENT/PARKING BENEFITS DISTRICT EXPENDITURES

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Bylaws to establish processes by which parking benefits district expenditures shall be reviewed and endorsed by the Finance Committee, Capital Planning Committee, and Town Meeting; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

ARTICLE 5

ENDORSEMENT/PARKING BENEFITS DISTRICTS OPERATING AND CAPITAL COSTS

To see if the Town will endorse proposed expenditures relative to established parking benefits districts; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

ARTICLE 6

APPROPRIATION/CAPITAL BUDGET/HARDY SCHOOL RENOVATION OR CAPACITY EXPANSION

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for renovation and/or capacity expansion, temporary or permanent, at the Hardy School building, determine how the money shall be raised and expended, including the possibility of borrowing all or some of the same; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of the Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, on or before said day and hour of meeting.

.... (SIGNED) (SIGNED)

....a True copy.
Attest:

KEVIN F. GREELEY
DIANE M. MAHON
DANIEL J. DUNN

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CLARISSA ROWE ARLINGTON

RICHARD BOYLE CONSTABLE