

# Arlington Town Election: Saturday, April 2, 2022

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Following the 2020 Federal Census, some precinct lines were re-drawn to account for changes in population across Arlington. Those precincts must elect all 12 Town Meeting Members. In the other precincts, there are four 3-year seats as usual and any vacancies to be filled following resignations. The ballot will indicate the number of people to be elected. In all cases, the members with the highest number of votes will be seated for three years, the next group will be seated for two years and the final group will be seated for one year. For a precinct electing 5 or 6 members, the vacancies will be filled the same way with two-year and one-year terms filled in the order of the number of votes.

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## Precinct 1

**5 seats to fill**

**Charles Keith Hartshorne**

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I have lived in Pct 1 for 25 years and was a Town Meeting Member from 2015-2019. I've learned from experience that the TMM's role is limited. They only see proposals after they've been finalized. If elected, I will try to engage with residents before Town Meeting, hear their concerns, and proactively participate in the meetings and discussions that shape the proposals that are put before TM.

The housing crisis is hitting our town particularly hard. There are many proposals suggesting ways to create more diverse and, hopefully, more affordable options. I like some of these ideas, but this is a complex issue. I hope residents will be engaged and communicate with their TMMs and other Town officials to make their preferences known.

In the next few years, we may face some challenges in terms of school enrollment, especially in our precinct, but we've faced these challenges before and I'm sure we can find ways to accommodate the new generation of students.

Some other issues the town will be facing: we need to find a new Town Manager; we will need a new waste collection contract; and we may be looking at an Override in 2024. It's important that residents stay informed about these issues and make their views known. The Yes or No vote at Town Meeting is important, but it's only the last step in a long process that requires active public participation in order to

be successful.

I hope you will consider me as one of your representatives for Precinct 1.

## **Emily Hui Zhu**

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My name is Emily Hui Zhu. I have been a homeowner in Arlington since January 2021, and have lived in Middlesex county since 2014. I was previously an engineer and now work at a business consulting firm. Although my time in Arlington has been relatively short, I have enjoyed the friendliness of my neighbors, the uniqueness of the numerous small businesses in town, the lively arts community, and the lovely gardening community! I am running for Town Meeting because I feel it is my civic duty to represent my precinct, and I am eager to hear from residents about their concerns and learn more about the town and its governance. I will carefully consider all issues in the warrant, and welcome your thoughts at [zhuemily7@gmail.com](mailto:zhuemily7@gmail.com).

## **Rebecca Davis-Carden**

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I am running for Town Meeting to promote a vibrant and inclusive Arlington. I live in East Arlington with my wife and two children, one a Kindergartener at the Thompson and the other in preschool. We love living in the welcoming, diverse, and walkable community of East Arlington. As a Town Meeting member, I hope to ensure that people of all walks of life have the opportunity to live and thrive in our community. I am passionate about sustainability and have spent my personal and professional life devoted to creating a more climate friendly Massachusetts. On April 11th, I would love to be one of your five votes to represent Precinct One at Arlington Town Meeting.

## **Precinct 2**

### **4 seats to fill**

*No statements submitted from this precinct.*

## **Precinct 3**

### **5 seats to fill**

#### **Jennifer R. Susse\***

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I have been a Town Meeting Member since 2010--first in Precinct 5 and then, starting in 2012, in Precinct 3. I have also served on the Arlington School Committee for six years (2014-2020), and was a member of Long Range Planning for four of those. Currently I am a member of the Election Modernization Committee, the Remote Participation Study Committee, and Envision Arlington's Civic Engagement Group. I also meet periodically with a group of Arlington residents to discuss ways to advocate for more housing--both affordable and middle income housing, and I am passionate about

promoting safe multi-modal transportation options.

I love Town Meeting! Yes, the sessions can be long, and yes it goes way too late, and yes some people just like to hear themselves talk...but it is the heart and soul of Arlington's civic engagement and is one of the reasons that Arlington has such active volunteers (over 60 boards, committees, and commissions!). Town meeting is one of the few places where we have an opportunity to hear from our fellow residents, even those with whom we disagree. Arlington Town Meeting members take their service seriously, preparing for the meetings weeks in advance and studying up on the issues that they are voting on. I have been actively involved in that process and have organized many precinct meetings. I hope that I can continue to earn your trust for another three years. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

**Christopher H. Wilbur\***

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Arlington resident since 1992, age 73, sensitive to needs of seniors. Interests include education, environment, zoning, budget. Opposed to ideological politics. Takes a pragmatic view in assessing each warrant article.

**Robert P. Marlin\***

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Rob Marlin has lived in East Arlington for 19 years. He and his wife have two children, ages 19 and 15, who have gone through the Arlington public schools. He has served as a Town Meeting member for precinct 3 for the past three years. Rob is a primary care physician and is active in state health policy advocacy, currently serving on the Special Commission on Foreign Trained Medical Professionals. He is passionate about human rights and immigrants' rights and enjoys hiking, travel, and reading novels.

**Stacie Nicole Smith\***

I have served on Town Meeting for the last 6 years, and rarely missed a session. I am also serving as a Town Meeting Representative on the Remote Participation Study Committee. I take this role seriously, reading up the key issues and thinking through the options and implications. I support community engagement, flexibility for different situations and circumstances, and investment in our residents and municipal institutions.

**Jennifer Rae Litowski**

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In the seven years since we moved to Arlington, it's become our home – we've made good friends, explored the nearby neighborhoods and learned about the culture and history. We've had great experiences with the schools for our son (now in high school) and as a host family for international exchange students.

The many challenges that we face as a society can seem overwhelming, but I've seen how local government can have a direct impact on our lives and can be a force to make positive changes. My personal focus has been transportation and safe streets, as a key intersection of climate change, housing, equity and health. I've been an advocate for safe streets for 10 years, including being an active member of Everywhere Arlington Livable Streets (EALS). What does this look like? A neighborhood where we can comfortably walk or bike to errands and shops, without worrying about broken sidewalks or blocked crosswalks, where our kids can walk or bike to school, and take the T with friends to explore. In addition, I've campaigned for Arlington school building projects and have conducted voter outreach activities for the Arlington Democratic Town Committee.

I am excited to represent our neighborhood and am always eager to learn more about our community and needs. Please feel free to reach out to me at [Jennifer.litowski@gmail.com](mailto:Jennifer.litowski@gmail.com)

## Precinct 4

### 4 seats to fill

**Alham Saadat\***

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My name is Alham Saadat and I am running for re-election to Town Meeting in Precinct 4. I am a mother of three children who attend Hardy Elementary and I value building on traditions of strong academics, thoughtfulness and equity in our schools. I am an active member of the Hardy PTO and I was also a member of the Steering Committee for the Build Arlington's Future campaign. As a mother of three young children, I understand the need for accessible childcare. I led a group that worked successfully with the School Committee to address shortages/inequities in after school care in Arlington. I am a scientist who values evidence-based and equity-centered approaches to solving problems in my day job and in my community. I am a pedestrian and Red Line commuter who supports walkable communities with dependable public transit options for all who need them. I think it's particularly important to think about access to good public transit for seniors and low income households in our community, as they can be most impacted by factors such as cost/maintenance of vehicles and other driving-related requirements. I support measures that will provide thoughtful solutions to pressing issues such as global warming and affordable housing.

Our family is lucky to call Arlington our home and I would like to continue to be involved in the decisions that will make our town a vibrant community for all. Please feel free to email me if you have any questions about my positions and candidacy.

**Mary G. Kowalczyk**

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My family and I have had the pleasure of living in Arlington for the past 16 years. My 2 children have attended Arlington public schools and I worked for 9 years as a social worker in a residential facility here. While this will be my first time running for Town Meeting Candidate, I do have experience working in a more public role at a local public health department. Through this work I have come to believe that the health of a community is only as good as the health of the individuals. As Town Meeting candidate, I hope to keep Arlington a safe and healthy community for everyone. This will require careful consideration and balancing the needs of the various stakeholders involved. My hope is to keep Arlington a vibrant and welcoming community while also preparing it for the challenges of the future.

## Precinct 5

### 12 seats to fill

**Christa M. Kelleher\***

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As a 22-year resident of Arlington and parent of two public school students, I have appreciated the opportunity to serve on Town Meeting for two terms. I am committed to seeing the values of equity, inclusion, sustainability, and livability realized for all who live and work in Arlington as well as those who visit and enjoy our town. Facilitating the creation of affordable and diverse housing options and effectively addressing transportation, climate change, and economic development challenges require robust community engagement and thoughtful decision-making. I would be grateful to continue representing Precinct 5 to ensure a strong connection between residents and local government. I intend to help advance the critical goal of increasing the diversity of those serving in public leadership positions and bolstering civic participation for those who are marginalized and/or underrepresented. To this end, in my most recent term, I filed two articles. In 2019, I worked to establish an Election Modernization Committee in response to the need to strengthen electoral practices in order to increase civic engagement and voter turnout. In 2021, I filed an article to ensure that School Committee members receive compensation for their service as a matter of equity. I encourage residents to reach out about any of my votes. Please know that all votes from 2021 Town Meeting may be found here with other years' votes accessible as well:

[www.arlingtonma.gov/town-governance/town-meeting/2021-town-meeting](http://www.arlingtonma.gov/town-governance/town-meeting/2021-town-meeting)

Thanks so much for your consideration! Stay well.

**Patrick M. Hanlon\***

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I am running for reelection from Precinct 5. My wife and I moved to Arlington in 2013 to be near our grandchildren. I was elected to Town Meeting in 2017 and have chaired the precinct delegation since then. I was elected vice-chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals in 2020 and Chair of the Library Foundation in 2021.

In town meeting I have had four main priorities.

1. Arlington is about its schools. I played a leading role in the overwhelmingly successful campaign in 2019 to fund a new high school. We have an outstanding new superintendent who is working to make the public schools great for all students.
2. Climate change is an emergency. In 2020 I helped make Arlington the second town in the state to require electrification in new buildings. Since then I've championed Arlington's bylaw in the legislature (which must give final approval) and helped other towns follow us. I currently lead our efforts to persuade the state to adopt a real net-zero building code.
3. Town Meeting needs to be more democratic. From the beginning, I've organized precinct meetings where TMMs and residents can discuss the issues that face us. Much has been done, but much more still needs to be done to make our government open to all.
4. Arlington must do more to welcome people of moderate means, especially people of color, into our community. Almost everyone in Arlington supports more affordable housing, We need to make it happen.

**Adam Edward Badik\***

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My name is Adam Badik. I live on Beacon Street with my spouse (Beth) and our two amazing children. I work for a technology company where I focus on legal and technical issues around data privacy and security.

I have been honored to represent the neighborhoods of precinct 5 in Town Meeting for the last five years. During that time, I've had the opportunity to vote on important local issues like funding for our schools, protecting our environment, and taking stands for diversity & inclusivity. I've learned about town budgets, zoning issues, and our parliamentary procedures. I've also served on the town's election modernization committee where I have advocated in support of voter access to the ballot. Behind the scenes I have engaged with town leaders to rephrase confusing article language and to promote civil

discourse. I'm proud of these accomplishments and, with your support, I am looking forward to continuing to represent our precinct.

Please reach out if you have questions about town meeting or thoughts about any of the warrant articles. Thank you.

**Peter Jared Thompson\***

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I ask Precinct 5 voters to allow me to continue to serve as a Town Meeting Member in order to give voice to and place votes on issues facing Arlington, in particular issues of short term and long term financial stability and planning; public health; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; climate change; education; culture; open spaces and recreation; and so much more.

I have lived in Arlington for the past 15 years. My eldest graduated from AHS last year; my youngest started AHS as a freshman this year. I have served as a TMM for several years now. We appreciate and value the remarkable, evolving and growing community embraced by the Town of Arlington.

Sincerely and best regards during these challenging times,

Peter Thompson

**David F. Swanson\***

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My name is David F. Swanson. I live on Dartmouth Street with my wife, Stephanie, our 2-year-old daughter, Olivia, and our rescue pup, Harley. Since moving to Arlington, I've become an active member of the community: a 5-year Town Meeting Member, a 6-year member of the Arlington Democratic Town Committee, a current member and vice-chair of the Arlington Community Preservation Act Committee and a former co-chair and member of the Arlington Human Rights Commission (3 years). I also work as Chief of Staff and General Counsel for Arlington state Senator Cindy Friedman, helping her to shape public policy and improve the quality of life in our community. In addition to these experiences, if re-elected, I will bring to Town Meeting a strong commitment to supporting our public schools, advancing environmental stewardship, and promoting a more welcoming community for all. Evidence of these commitments can be seen in my voting record from the past 5 years, where I voted to support: public school funding for much-needed renovations and new construction; the plastic bag ban and "clean heat" by-laws; and the Trust Act, which ensures Arlington adheres to the same practices as "sanctuary" communities. Finally, if re-elected, I'll double-down on my promise to always make myself available to residents to discuss Town issues – feel free to reach me via personal email, [dswanson922@gmail.com](mailto:dswanson922@gmail.com). Thank you, and I respectfully ask for one of your votes on April 2nd to continue serving as one of your Precinct 5 Town Meeting Members.

**Catherine Louise Farrell\***

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I have been a Town Meeting member for Precinct 5 since 2016 and have lived in Arlington for 18 years. I strongly support:

Combating climate change;  
Arlington's public schools;  
An inclusive community, welcoming people of color;  
More affordable housing; and

Pedestrian-friendly and bike-friendly streets.

On the Build Arlington's Future campaigns of 2016 and 2019, supporting our public schools, I was a co-captain for Precinct 5. I have also worked as a volunteer on local, state, and national political campaigns. Before retiring, I was a public-school teacher and then an environmental attorney. I am very happy to be living in East Arlington.

**Jo Anne Preston\***

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I am running for re-election to Town Meeting because I care about our town and our neighborhoods. For the last two decades I have worked ceaselessly for their improvement.

As a Thompson School parent, I wrote grants for library books and served on the parent re-build committee. As a neighborhood activist, I worked for the preservation and planting of shade trees on our streets. As a town meeting member, I worked with the Traffic Advisory Committee to achieve a pedestrian safety plan for Chestnut Street.

Currently I am working with the Minuteman Bikeway Planning Project to provide our neighborhoods with better access to the Mystic Lakes and improved bicycle routes to the Minuteman Bikeway.

Our neighborhood playground, Parallel Park, is in need of repair and modernization. I have been working with the Arlington Recreation Department to create a preliminary design. Once funding is in place, neighbors will participate in the final design.

My work for the town includes serving on the Boards of the Arlington Housing Authority and the Community Preservation Act Committee.

My strongest qualification for town meeting is my ability to listen to my neighbors and my willingness to represent their interests in town meeting.

I ask for your vote on April 2 at the Gibbs School.

## **Precinct 6**

**4 seats to fill**

**Christine Morgan Noah**

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When I moved to Arlington in April 2020, the first thing I noticed was the sense of community. Even amidst a pandemic, it was clear to me that Arlingtonians were dedicated, passionate, and, above all, neighborly, which inspired me to get involved in town. I was appointed to the Arlington Commission for Arts & Culture (ACAC) in September 2020, where I chair the Fundraising Committee in addition to participating on the Community Engagement Committee and the Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Accessibility Task Force. As a commissioner, I have supported programs that engage local artists, spark joy, enliven neighborhoods, and bring together residents, students, businesses, and other town entities. I have also enjoyed getting to know Arlington's restaurants and shops, as well as its many beautiful public spaces and cultural institutions.

Being part of a community - and such an active one - is why I love calling Arlington home. I know that a



community thrives when all of its members feel like they belong and have access to the resources they need. Investing in each other will always lead to a net positive for our town. That's why my values as a candidate include Equity & Inclusion, Sustainability, Arts & Culture, Transit, Education, and Economic Vitality. It would be an honor to represent my neighbors in Precinct 6 as a Town Meeting Member. I would love to hear what matters to you, so please reach out to me at [christineforarlington@gmail.com](mailto:christineforarlington@gmail.com).

### **Andrew S. Fischer**

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I (Andrew Fischer) thank you for your interest in this year's election for Town Meeting.

I served in Town Meeting from 1991 to 2020, and was TM representative to the v2020 Standing Committee from 1998 to 2015. During this time I renovated many homes in the area as the owner of Fischer Construction, except the years 2000 to 2003 when I was a jobsite foreman/instructor at YouthBuild, in Roxbury.

Some samples of my thinking: I am not convinced high density is a green strategy – not when NPR reports that nighttime temperatures and air conditioning costs increase with high density, and we have so little land fill space that we resort to BURNING our trash.

Article 8 would establish a Civilian Police Advisory Commission. I want to vote yes – depending on final details and debate – but I want to know how the personal privacy of police and citizens will be guaranteed. And, it only seems fair to have police represented on the commission.

Partly because we face another override, I filed a warrant article to investigate the total costs of auto and property insurance we pay as a community. Estimates suggest the cost of our claims are quite small compared to total premiums. The purpose is to learn if our insurance system could be consolidated, and reimagined to be more of a community service and source of revenue.

I welcome your questions and comments, and I ask for your vote April 2.

### **Alexander R. Franzosa**

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My name is Alexander Franzosa and I am running for Town Meeting Member for Precinct 6. I previously served as a Town Meeting Member for Precinct 12 and I am now asking my new neighbors to entrust me with the same privilege that my old neighbors did. I am a graduate of Arlington High School, Class of 2016, for whom I served as Class Vice President. I am a current member of the Community Preservation Act Committee, and of the Youth and Young Adult Advisory Study Committee. I support the development of affordable housing, the preservation of Arlington's historic buildings, and the maintenance of our infrastructure. I hope that you will vote for on April 2.

### **Daniel Jalkut\***

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Town Meeting matters! As a member representing Precinct 6 since 2016, I have participated in the passage or defeat of articles that substantially shaped the advancement and evolution of our town. I am intrinsically curious about government and how it can best fulfill its obligation to serve the people. Town Meeting inspires me because it connects the public directly, via members, to the process that establishes the legal, moral, and cultural identity of the town going forward.

As you consider each candidate, ask yourself whether you believe the person will: 1. Show up to the



meetings, 2. Stand up and speak when they should, and 3. Listen to your concerns when you have them. In my six years of service, I have fulfilled all of these duties, and if elected, will continue to do so.

You can review my impressive attendance history in the town's public records. During these meetings, I've spoken out about a number of issues, particularly when I think that a nuance of the debate is being overlooked, or when I feel that the consequences of action or inaction demand greater recognition. Finally, I have been open to correspondence from constituents who both agree with or disagree with my position on an issue, and do my best to acknowledge their concerns and represent them in Town Meeting as well as I can. I promise to be open to persuasion, while maintaining my commitment to ultimately vote as I see fit to best serve the town and all of its residents.

Please re-elect Daniel Jalkut!

### **James Ballin\***

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Hello, my name is Jim Ballin, and I am running for re-election for Town Meeting in Precinct 6. I have been privileged to represent Precinct 6 for 9 years and would be honored to be re-elected. My wife and I moved to Arlington in 1996 and have raised three children who attended the public schools here. I am an attorney who has worked for 24 years at the MA Department of Public Health, practicing in environmental health law.

My positions on issues before Town Meeting are progressive, in support of environmental protection and sustainability, expansion of affordable housing, protections for seniors and low-income residents, adequate school funding, sustainable transportation, and promoting equity and inclusion. As an avid bike commuter, I support expanded access to alternative transportation. I am committed to addressing climate change and moving Arlington towards a fossil-free future. As a Zero Waste Arlington member, I have been active in efforts to reduce waste, promote reuse and recycling, and expand public access to water refilling stations in Town. In Town Meeting, I have sponsored warrant articles aimed at reduction of plastics.

I feel lucky to live in such a fabulous community with caring and generous people and my last 9 years as a Town Meeting Member have been incredibly gratifying. With your vote, I hope to continue being able to advocate for positive, progressive, and equitable changes in our community. Please email me to discuss any Town-related issues.

Jim Ballin

## **Precinct 7**

### **12 seats to fill**

#### **Laurence J. Slotnick\***

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I've just completed my first three-year term representing Pct 7 at Town Meeting, and am as energized as ever to continue to work to make Arlington a welcoming, thriving and desirable town. Having lived here since 2008, with two children in the school system, I feel that I've seen what works and what needs attention in the town. But I also realize I've still got lots to learn.

I've served on the Recycling (now Zero Waste) Committee for many years, including two terms as co-chair. I've also been a long-time (6 year) volunteer with Food Link, and also worked for Food Link to

manage their large-scale rehab project at 108 Summer Street throughout 2019-20, continuing on as the Facilities Manager there now. Then there's coaching with the Arlington Soccer Club for three years. Most recently in late 2021, I was asked to participate in a study group convened by AHS principal Matthew Janger evaluating heterogeneous classrooms... for a possible pilot program in Fall 2022 . Issues important to me are 1) better controlling the ongoing elimination of affordable apartments in East Arlington due to the rampant luxury condo conversions; and 2) encouraging creation and/or continuation of community gathering events, such as a weekend farmers and artisans market, bringing back the beer garden, continuing PorchFest, and making the new high school (a project I strongly supported) a true community asset beyond its Grade 9-12 education focus. I've been a long-time supporter of the Arlington Education Foundation and Arlington Libraries Foundation. Please feel free to connect with me about any of these issues, and I look forward to collaborating with you.

**Roderick John Holland\***

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I am a Precinct 7 Town Meeting Member running for reelection out-of-cycle due to the periodic reorganization of Town precincts as provided by our election law. I'm a long time resident and taxpayer of Arlington, and love this town. As a Town Meeting Member, I have focused on support of Arlington's excellent Town services, including Schools, Police, Fire, DPW, and Planning. I value Arlington's forward-looking pragmatism, which I believe arises from its demographic and economic diversity and highly-educated and engaged citizenry. A Member at Large in the Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee (ABAC), I have a particular interest in seeing the Complete Streets vision extended to our thoroughfares beyond Mass. Ave., providing safer and more convenient pedestrian and cycling opportunities for a more diverse group of road users, while ensuring more efficient auto traffic through the Town.

**Mary Claire Malek-Odom\***

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As a resident of east Arlington for over forty-year and a parent who raised three children here, I am an integral part of the community and qualified to understand the needs and concerns of my neighbors. I am currently a Precinct 7 Town Meeting member, volunteered at Food Link, participated in public art and for many years have been a literacy volunteer. I have a strong commitment to bettering the lives of Arlington residents. I am particularly interested in improving education, increasing affordable housing, ensuring social justice, and supporting senior citizens. I welcome the opportunity to again serve as your Precinct 7 Town Meeting member.

**Rebecca J. Younkin\***

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Hello, neighbors-- I'd like to ask for one of your votes for Town Meeting for Precinct 7. I have been an East Arlington resident since 1997, first as a renter and now as a condo owner on Harlow Street since 2004. I have served on Town Meeting since 2013 and take this role very seriously. I strive to be well-prepared and well-informed and to approach each issue with an open mind. My priorities as a TMM include supporting our outstanding schools, public safety and emergency departments, senior services, and public works. I support policies that will expand housing availability, especially for middle- and lower-income households. My previous professional experience was in physics education and I am the parent of two teenagers who have been through the Arlington Public Schools. Thank you very much for your consideration and please feel free to reach out to me via email with any questions or input.

**Betty J. Stone\***

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Greetings Precinct 7 Friends,

I have been an East Arlington resident for 18 years, a Town Meeting Member from P7 for six, and am delighted to call this town my home. I am interested in maintaining and improving the safety and walkability of Arlington's streets, the livelihood of its arts communities, and the quality of its schools. I support the work of Arlington's Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity Director and am committed to seeing that work reflected in all Town departments, particularly the Arlington Police Department and the Arlington Public Schools. I believe appropriate mixed-use development can be both attractive and functional and can enrich both commercial and residential spheres in Arlington. I look forward to representing you and am always open to your questions and thoughts.

## Precinct 8

### 12 seats to fill

**Eric L. Baatz**

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Fresh blood for Town Meeting, as I've never done this before. But not new blood as I retired several years ago. Socially, I'm moderate to liberal. Fiscally, I'm moderate to conservative.

My wife, two kids, and I moved to Arlington in 1999 from Westford, where I attended town meetings. Over the decades, I've lived in several New England towns while working for several companies as a computer programmer and supervisor/manager. In Arlington, I'm a former youth soccer coach, Arlington Soccer Club board member, and volunteer with ArlingtonEATS. I'm also a long-time member and former treasurer of Friends of Spy Pond Park, a consistent voter in town elections, and an attendee of multiple Precinct 8 and 10 meetings. Currently I'm on the Planning Committee of The Senior Golf League and am their webmaster, having designed and implemented their website, [www.tsglma.org](http://www.tsglma.org), over the last year.

I think that I will be an earnest, thorough, and open-minded town meeting member. If you want to know more about me, or want me to know more about your concerns and philosophies, do not hesitate to drop me a line at [eric\\_baatz@yahoo.com](mailto:eric_baatz@yahoo.com).

**Janice M. Pagliasotti**

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Originally from Colorado, I've lived in Arlington for nearly 30 years. I moved here shortly before the re-opening of Robbins Library and remember being so proud to live in a community that valued such a treasure. Arlington residents' volunteer efforts impressed me when I helped with the Hills Pond dredging and planting of the wetlands area at Menotomy Rocks Park.

As a single parent, my primary volunteer efforts have focused on school-related activities. I served on the Brackett School Council, PTO, and the Science & Math Enrichment Committee. I also served as member-at-large, secretary, and president of the Board of the Brackett After School Program.

In my professional life, I spent years conducting community needs assessments, both in the US and globally, with a focus on child care infrastructure. I focused both on the amount and quality of services available in the community, and the needs and priorities of parents living and working in that community. Child care services were then developed to fill the gaps. These skills - asking the right

questions, understanding the needs, and developing solutions - are my strengths.

Now that my son is older, I'd like to work on broader issues that directly affect the quality of life in Arlington. I look forward to participating in Town Meeting discussions on the various Warrant articles, and I encourage you to share your views with me. I hope you will support my candidacy with your vote on April 2.

**Mary Ellen Aronow**

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When looking for a first home to buy in 2007, Arlington was where my family wanted to raise a family, and my husband (Joe Burns) and I purchased our house on Addison Street. We enrolled our two boys in Arlington Public Schools, and fast-forward, my oldest, Henry Burns (AHS 2021) is now at Tufts and my youngest, Edward Burns will graduate from AHS in 2023. I am a forest economist, with twenty-five years' experience in the biology of forests, and the valuation of the products forests produce. I am a founding member of the Arlington Tree Committee and currently Co-chair. I am past PTO president at Bishop school and past parent member of the principal's school committee. When APS found their 2010 budgets in short fall, I rose my hand to be a core member of the Bridge-the-Gap team, raising \$430k for the Arlington schools. I have learned how to engage in Arlington and how to be effective in coordination with town departments to achieve common goals. I excel at this – both professionally and in my volunteer work in Arlington. As Arlington embarks on planning to be carbon neutral by 2050, I can help us transition. I ask my precinct neighbors for your vote for town meeting so we can together continue to create the best Arlington.

**Joshua Lobel\***

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Welcome to the new Precinct 8. I have had the honor and pleasure of being a Town Meeting Member representing the old Precinct 8 for about 18 years! It is a role that I'm very proud of. Arlington's Town Meeting is exceptional, in that the members are serious and diligent about their importance to the Town. We make decisions on zoning, budgets, capital planning, energy, domestic partnerships, celebrations and so on. Sometimes we are called upon to vote on a resolution expressing Arlington's endorsement of a policy or position. It is democracy at about its most basic. I thoroughly enjoy the give and take of ideas, the deliberations, and usually the outcomes. In that role, I help guide the future of our incredible town.

My wife and I have lived in Arlington for a long time – our adult children attended Arlington Public Schools, and we were very involved parents.

I value many things about Arlington: its vibrancy and engaged citizens, its parks, water bodies and open spaces, its schools, its location. I think it is a well-run town, and I generally agree with its evolution.

This is a very unusual year with only half of our regular incumbents on the ballot. Several prior members live in the new Precinct 10, and our long serving member, Bill Berkowitz has decided not to run. He made enumerable contributions with a focus on increasing our local sense of community. Thanks Bill! I also want to note my sorrow at the loss of our long time member, Brian Rehrig, who passed away this winter. His contributions to the Town were enormous. We will miss his wisdom, good humor, and calm demeanor.

It would be an honor to continue to represent my old constituents as well as our new ones from Precinct 10.

**John L. Worden III\***

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JOHN L. WORDEN III, CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION, PRECINCT 8

When I was first elected to Town Meeting in 1970, I was part of a small crop of new Town Meeting members and one of the younger members. Now I am the senior member, which provides no particular privileges except for election to the honorary position of Measurer of Wood and Bark.

But I have not been just sitting there for half a century plus. At that first meeting, I joined a group of East Arlington people in a battle against a zoning proposal which would allow the Mugar to build high-rise residential towers in the wetlands. We lost that battle, but the towers were never built and I have worked constantly to protect every neighborhood in Town from untoward residential development. This led to creation of Arlington Residents for Responsible Redevelopment – [www.arfr.org](http://www.arfr.org) Unfortunately there are forces at large in Arlington who want high residential density and evisceration of what little commercial/industrial properties we have.. Their aim seems to be to turn our suburban Town into a sort of Somerville with trees, but without a huge commercial/industrial base to keep taxes down for residential property owners.

Beyond my efforts to keep redevelopment on a human scale, I served as moderator for 19 years, member of the Historic District Commissions, and officer or member of many other organizations and committees promoting open space, conservation, historic preservation, and affordable housing.

This year, there are 12 candidates– the four with the highest votes will get three year terms. The second four two years, and the lowest four one year. I would appreciate your vote so I can continue working for our neighborhoods and our Town for the next three years – my name is 5th on the ballot.

### **Sharon Grossman\***

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Why should you vote to return me to Town Meeting as a Precinct 8 member? In my 40+ years living in Arlington, I have been a community activist. I have led efforts to elect progressive candidates to local, state, and federal office and fund our schools and municipal services. My work as a School Psychologist gives me a deep knowledge of public education and was a factor in my co-founding a group many years ago that advocated for the Arlington Public Schools to be the excellent school district it is, was a PTO co-president, and served on School Councils and interview committees for Arlington High School administrators. I am an appointed member of the Arlington Human Rights Commission, serving as co-chair for over a year. This work has deepened my knowledge of our diverse town and allowed me to work toward the equitable support, education, and engagement of those who work, live, and pass through Arlington. My history of volunteerism, participation and enjoyment in being an Arlington resident has given me a unique understanding of the town, my neighbors, and our needs. Issues such as housing, civic engagement, and equity are at the top of those current needs.

I am committed to helping continue and expand on our history of being welcoming and inclusive, and accepting and valuing each other. As a Town Meeting member, I look forward to continuing to apply my knowledge of issues affecting Arlington, act to support our precinct, and bring a positive and respectful voice of experience.

### **Carol L. Band\***

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I am asking for your vote as Precinct 8 Town Meeting member so that I can continue represent you as we work to make Arlington a more livable, greener and more connected place to live, to raise kids and to grow old. During my previous terms as a Town Meeting member, I promoted warrant articles that preserve and create open space and support greenest practices, that protect Arlington's historic buildings and byway and prevent teardowns and thoughtless design. As a Town Meeting member, my job is to represent you - that's why I will always listen to your concerns and welcome your ideas and input. As your neighbor, I have lived in Arlington for 35 years, raised three kids who went to Arlington Public

Schools and been active in the Arlington Center for the Arts, the Bishop PTO, AEEF and Spooky Walk. Regarding this year's warrant articles, I support fostering a vibrant streetscape by limiting banks, lobbies and office on ground floor level and enthusiastically endorse the idea of planting more trees throughout town and, although it's not on the warrant, I still support a town swimming pool.

**Elizabeth May Pyle\***

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My name is Elizabeth Pyle, and I am running to be your Town Meeting Member in Precinct 8. Since 2016, I have been on Town Meeting representing Precinct 10. However, Arlington recently adjusted its precinct boundaries so that my house (and many of your houses) were switched from Precinct 10 into Precinct 8. I would like to continue to represent you on Town Meeting, because I care about making Arlington a better place to live. I am particularly interested in zoning matters, because I am a land use and zoning attorney. This professional expertise enables me to thoroughly review the impact of proposed Zoning Bylaw changes on our community. From 2016-2019, I was a volunteer member of Arlington's Residential Zoning Study Group (the RSG), which was a Town committee formed to study the impacts of new construction on the residential zoning districts. While on the RSG, I worked to pass the "Good Neighbor Agreement," which requires neighborhood notice and property protections for surrounding residences when a new home is built. I also spearheaded a new Zoning Bylaw to prevent unsafe steep driveways in new residential construction. As a Town Meeting Member, I have worked to make Arlington more welcoming by advocating for Sanctuary Town Status in 2017, and by supporting other progressive resolutions. I have also volunteered with the Build Arlington's Future campaigns to fund new school construction, including the new High School. I would appreciate your vote on April 2nd. Thank you!

**Patricia B. Worden\***

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Patricia Worden  
Town Meeting Member and Candidate, Precinct 8  
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Election Day is April 2. My name is NINTH on the ballot for Town Meeting Members. I would be very grateful if you would Vote for me for me so that I can continue to work for best education, affordable housing, environmental sustainability, lower taxes/overrides

Voting at Town Hall, April 2, 8 am-8 pm or by absentee ballot

The Town has helped us endure the COVID era. Now we need a very well-intentioned and determined Town Meeting (Arlington's legislature) to protect us from plans of some Town planners and officials who unfortunately violate the Master Plan. I will oppose their plans (see below) for massive residential construction of thousands of units with huge developer profits and little or no affordability—See my Arlington Advocate letters of Dec. 23 and Feb. 10

- 40B projects endangering environment and historic properties zero affordable units for very low income residents
- zoning changes enabling teardowns of affordable homes; loss of trees, restaurants, businesses; overcrowded schools, and REMOVAL OF SINGLE FAMILY DISTRICTS ENTIRELY FROM THE TOWN AND FROM OUR PRECINCT TO ENABLE MULTIFAMILY BUILDINGS THROUGHOUT ARLINGTON.

Member, Town Meeting; Housing Plan Implementation Committee; Former- Member and Chair,



Arlington School Committee, Arlington Housing Authority; Charter member Arlington Human Rights Commission etc.

B.Sc. Glasgow University, Scotland; M.A. (Medical Sciences) and Ph.D. (Molecular Biology), Harvard; Administrator Harvard School of Public Health. Five children - attended Arlington Public Schools, then local universities. Most grandchildren are multi-ethnic. One grandchild currently in AHS.

### **Irwin S. Grossman**

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Hi Neighbors!

Many of you know me as your child's soccer coach, Cub Scout leader, Past President of the Touchdown Club of Arlington (raising money for all youth sports in Arlington), Delegate to the Democratic State Convention or MC of the Arlington Education Foundation Trivia Bee.

As a long time Town Meeting Member, I come to issues with an open mind, wanting to hear from differing points of view and perspectives in order to make a well-informed vote. Town meeting is the way to have your voice heard as the Select Board makes policy. We also watchdog and approve town budgets on your behalf.

For the last several years, we have all had to negotiate difficult times. Moving forward, Arlington will have more challenges – improving affordable housing, continuing to encourage diversity and inclusion and inviting civic engagement.

I'm a good listener, and would like to hear from you concerning the Issues that affect our precinct and town. That's why I'm asking for one of your Town Meeting Member votes.

See you around town...

Irwin Grossman  
Precinct 8  
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### **John D. Leone\***

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The responsibility of Town Meeting Member is to attend Town Meetings, be well informed, participate in the debate and vote in the best interest of the Town. I believe that I am qualified to administer the office of Town Meeting Member. I pride myself on my honesty, directness and fairness.

I have been a Town Meeting member since 1994, attending every meeting, with the exception of the 2007 meetings. I am currently the Town Moderator. In that capacity I assist in the assembly and approval of the Town Warrant. I am also a member of the Massachusetts Moderators Association and served as its President in 2018.

I have served the Town in many volunteer positions including: the Zoning Bylaw Review Committee, serving as Chair for three years; the Millennium Time Capsule Committee; the Town Meeting Rules and Procedures Committee; The Government Reorganization Committee; Board of Directors of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Directors and Past President of the Touchdown Club of Arlington. I am also the President of Arlington Community Media Inc., and have served on its Board



of Directors for the past 20 years have.

The combination of my Town Meeting experience, volunteerism, legal practice in Arlington, being well practiced in Town Meeting rules of order and my deep understanding of the way our Town government works and functions, makes me the right choice for Precinct 8 Town Meeting Member.

I ask for your support and vote on April 2, 2022 for Precinct 8 Town Meeting Member.

**Laura M. Wiener**

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I am Laura Wiener and I live on the corner of Jason and Irving Streets, where I have lived for many years with my husband, Josh Lobel (also running for Town Meeting). I have 2 children in their 20s who attended the Arlington Public Schools. I am an Urban Planner. I worked for the Town of Arlington in the Department of Planning and Community Development, and for the City of Watertown, in their Planning Department. I serve on the Board of Directors of the Housing Corporation of Arlington, and I'm a Friend of the Robbins Library.

I'm running for Town Meeting primarily because I am passionate about housing, and especially affordable housing. I believe that safe and affordable housing is the primary thing people need to be successful in life. Arlington has been a supportive environment for affordable housing, and I would like that to continue and grow. Other things that are important to me are vibrant business districts, good schools, the Minuteman Bikeway, and other parks and open spaces. Arlington has been a great community for me and my family and I want to help keep it a great and welcoming community for a diversity of people and families.

## Precinct 9

**12 seats to fill**

**Beth Melofchik\***

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Beth Melofchik, I respectfully ask for your vote for Town Meeting in Precinct 9. I am running for re-election.

My primary interest: preserving the environment. Trees are essential to our community health and well being. I would like to see the town plant more trees and protect what we have in our parks and green spaces.

Lets be mindful of the many benefits our community derives from our tree canopy: shade and cooling at bus stops and through out town and healthy spaces for outside active and passive recreation. Green space required by our current Bylaw unites Arlington's diverse housing stock and provides habitat for bald eagles, hawks, and herons. Alewife, river herring, have been spawning up Mill Brook for five years. If re-elected I will work to preserve what is important to all Arlington residents, the environment: robust tree canopy and safe usable green spaces and parks. I will continue to work with groups in town to acknowledge and preserve our history as we did declaring June 24 Prince Hall Day and in the application for CPA funds to study preservation/rehabilitation of Cookes Hollow, our wild pocket park in the heart of Arlington Center.

I serve on the Arlington Historic Districts Commission and on Fishing Line Working Group, the former strives to preserve historic/architectural character of various districts in town, the latter strives to keep

the water bodies/environment free of discarded fishing line.

Voters may write: [lzicka784@gmail.com](mailto:lzicka784@gmail.com) Thank you

### **Alexander G. Bagnall\***

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I excited to be running for Town Meeting for Precinct 9 for the first time. I am a two-term Town Meeting Member from Precinct 7 and have been re-districted into Precinct 9. I currently serve on the Envision Arlington Standing Committee and the Remote Participation Study Committee. Over the past few years I have helped organize the 2021 Town Meeting Candidate Night, a forum on developing affordable housing, and hosted a "conversation-in-a-box" as part of the Housing Production Plan process. I have a daughter at Ottoson and have been a Precinct Captain for both of the Build Arlington's Future campaigns.

One of the things I enjoy most about Town Meeting is how it deals with concrete issues that affect our day-to-day lives. I value the economic and racial diversity that we have in town and am concerned that our exclusionary zoning bylaws have us on a path to economic and racial homogeneity. Structural inequality is proving to be a defining challenge of our time and that we should carefully examine what we can do at the town level to reduce our role in perpetuating inequality. It won't be easy and it won't be simple, but we need to try. You can reach out to me at [alex.bagnall.tmm@gmail.com](mailto:alex.bagnall.tmm@gmail.com) with your questions and comments and I humbly ask for your vote.

### **A. Michael Ruderman\***

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I'm proud to have represented Arlington Center as a Precinct 9 Town meeting Member for 21 years. I hope will have the confidence and trust to re-elect me to town meeting.

My professional experience is in real estate. I was a principal review editor of the 2018 Zoning Bylaw Recodification. This literally shapes the Arlington that we become. A set of bylaws isn't worth much, though, if they're not diligently and consistently applied. This year I will be supporting the warrant article that places enforcement of zoning clearly and transparently on a named individual in the Planning Department.

As a member of Minuteman High School's advisory council, I led two successful campaigns in 2016 to provide our students a state-of-the-art STEM and vocational education. For the last two years I have served you as Arlington's member of the Minuteman School Committee. We promised the new Minuteman would attract more applicants and fill its enrollment, and we achieved that goal in just its first year of operation. Now, we need to grow Minuteman's capacity to meet the largest number of in-district applicants we've ever had.

Arlington has been my home for over 30 years and its history is my passion. You might have met me during my decade on the Historical Commission, the activities of the 2007 Bicentennial Committee, a class I've offered through Arlington Community Education or one of my presentations to the Arlington Historical Society. I'm just as excited for our town's future, for all of us.

### **Paul Schlichtman\***

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My work as a Town Meeting Member has been part of my 29 years of service to the Town of Arlington. I have completed 26 years as a Town Meeting Member, 16 years as a member of the Arlington School Committee, as well as four years of service as Arlington's representative to the Minuteman School

Committee.

As a Town Meeting Member, I have worked to improve the way our town government works for Arlington residents. My first successful warrant article, in 1994, moved the town election from the first Saturday in March to the first Saturday in April, moving campaigns and elections out of the iciest time of the year.

I have led efforts to improve the quality of life in Arlington, particularly with amendments to the Regulations of Outdoor Lighting (Dark Skies) and Noise Abatement bylaws. This year, I am working to make changes to ensure fair and equitable enforcement of town and zoning bylaws and the town's overnight parking restrictions.

After the death of my neighbor in the Chestnut Terrace crosswalk in 1999, I have been working with other Town Meeting Members and the Transportation Advisory Committee to improve pedestrian safety on Chestnut Street. The town has promised the first of a series of significant improvements to be constructed this spring, and I will continue to advocate for the completion of all improvements until they are in place.

I respectfully request your vote on April 2, to continue my work as your Town Meeting Member on behalf of Precinct 9 and the Town of Arlington.

### **Elizabeth A. Carlton-Gysan\***

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My husband and I moved to Arlington almost nine years ago. Since then, our family has grown to four, we've become active members of First Parish UU Church, and Arlington has become our home. Now, as an Arlington resident and APS parent, I want to give back to the town.

I was elected to Town Meeting in 2021 as a member from Precinct 7. The 2021 Town Meeting was a marathon session, and I learned a lot about the issues facing our growing town. Affordable housing is scarce, and housing overall is in short supply. We need a reliable tax base to continue offering the services residents have come to expect but are dependent on property taxes to provide. Our town is expanding and diversifying but new residents aren't always welcomed and included.

I am running for Town Meeting to fight for more affordable and diverse types of housing. To create an environment that is welcoming to BIPOC, LGBTQ+, immigrant, and other traditionally underrepresented communities in town. To develop policies that attract businesses that align with our community and bring in more taxes. And to stand up for equitable public schools, accessible government, and maintaining the character of our community as we grow.

I hope to have your vote to serve Precinct 9. I'm available at [betsycarltongysan@gmail.com](mailto:betsycarltongysan@gmail.com). Thank you.

### **Rieko Tanaka\***

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I am a professional pianist and piano teacher. I was born and grew up in Japan, and came to Boston 33 years ago to study at the New England Conservatory.

After moving to Arlington in 2005, the first thing I got involved with was the student exchange program with Nagaokakyo, our Japanese sister city. Through that program, I met so many inspiring people who are very active in civic affairs. This experience opened my eyes outside of my small world of music.

As a Japanese person, switching from a Green Card to US citizenship was not easy because Japan does not allow dual citizenship. However, national politics in 2016 pushed my back and I became a US citizen in 2017. The day I was sworn in, I went to straight to Arlington Town Hall and registered as a voter. I was elected to Town Meeting in 2019.

As a Town Meeting Member, I care deeply about diversity, equity, environmental issues, and housing affordability. I live across the street from one of the Arlington Housing Authority buildings for elderly and disabled, and pedestrian safety for those residents is another big concern. As a town meeting member, I do my best to listen to multiple sides of facts and opinions on all issues in Arlington. I would appreciate your vote very much.

## **Jennifer Lyn Mansfield\***

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I am excited to be running for re-election to a Town Meeting Member seat for Precinct 9! I was elected last year for the first time, and I hope to have the opportunity to continue in this role.

I have been an Arlington resident since Spring 2010, and my husband and I are now raising our two Thompson-attending children here. A teacher by training (with degrees in World Religions and Education), I have been lucky to teach in our town's schools as well as neighboring Belmont's Audubon Habitat Sanctuary. The combination of this professional background with raising my own children who have been part of APS's Special Education System, leaves me feeling particularly strongly about striving for diverse, equitable and inclusive (DEI) learning spaces for the betterment of all our students and residents. The immediacy of prioritizing an environmental focus in our town's projects and agendas is equally important to me.

I am inspired by, and striving towards, Maya Angelou's famous quote: "I did then what I knew how to do. Now that I know better, I do better." For me this has included: attending town-wide committee meetings; educating myself on racism and other institutional injustices so I can strive towards anti-racism for myself, my family and my communities; volunteering for the Book Rack and the Thompson Diversity & Inclusion Group (DIG); standing in solidarity with others for social justice. I hope to be able to keep "being an active Town Meeting Member" to this list!

I believe in our town's ability to take care of each other, and the power we have when working together for positive change. I believe I can be a strong proponent for positive change in both our neighborhood and town, and hope to earn one of your votes in this spring's election!

## **Mona Mandal\***

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An Arlington resident for 18 years as a renter and home owner, I am very grateful to be your elected town meeting representative and chair for Precinct 9 for the past 3 years. I strongly believe in town governance and participatory democracy and would be very honored to continue to serve in this position and vote in the best interests of our community.

I have been an IT professional for 25 years along with experience in international development non-profits for the past 18 years. An engaged APS parent, I have been a Bishop School committee member and room parent, GO-OMS DIG group member and a Diversity Task group member. I am committed to civic engagement, diversity, equity, community building, sustainability, environment, our schools, affordable housing and social responsibility.

I would be delighted to hear your thoughts/questions on any town issues. Please email me: [mona.arlingtontm9@gmail.com](mailto:mona.arlingtontm9@gmail.com).

## **Precinct 10**

**12 seats to fill**

**Barbara M. Costa\***

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I have been a Town Meeting Member for over 20 years, and have enjoyed the privilege of participating at this essential local level in our democracy. Over the years I have been active within our precinct in helping to organize both in-person and remote meetings for residents, occasionally providing notes on those meetings to our growing email list and Google group, in conjunction with Precinct 8. Specific areas of concern for me include environmental issues (favoring measures that reduce causes of climate change and limit sources of toxic and noise pollution) and increased community involvement in policing; housing and zoning issues are difficult to generalize but I favor affordable housing opportunities as much as possible. I have also volunteered for many years in Arlington's arts and culture organizations.

NOTE: Although I have a nearly perfect attendance record at Town Meetings, in full disclosure I must report that this year, for the first time, I realize I can only appear in person for the first 5 sessions (FYI, there were 11 total sessions in 2021 TM), as I will be out of the country through the rest of May; if a decision is made to continue remote access to Town Meeting, then I will make it my business to participate in as many of the sessions as I can. (As of the time I write this, no determination has yet been made about whether Town Meeting will be conducted remotely or not.)

Feel free to contact me at [barbaracosta331@gmail.com](mailto:barbaracosta331@gmail.com).

### **Eugene B. Benson**

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I, Eugene Benson, ask for one of your votes for Town Meeting Member in Precinct 10.

In 1990, Marlene and I bought our home on Hillsdale Road. We liked Arlington's location, access to public transit, and what we knew of the town. We have come to love living here for many reasons: the wonderful caring people; the community spirit; the historic sites, the vibrancy of Mass. Ave., with its shops and restaurants; the feeling of safety; walkability; the bikepath; the library; and so much more.

Arlington faces challenges, including responding to climate change, increasing affordable housing, managing with financial constraints, increasing diversity, keeping schools functioning at a high level, and more. I would like to be a Town Meeting member to help work on those issues.

I am a retired public interest lawyer (environment, environmental justice, legal aid), non-profit leader, and adjunct professor (public health, land use and planning, environment). I am currently on the Redevelopment Board. Formerly I was on the Community Preservation Act Committee, Vision 2020 (now Envision Arlington) Standing Committee and Environment Task Group, and Council on Aging. I helped start and lead the Spy Pond Committee, Reservoir Committee, Sustainable Arlington, and Friends of Menotomy Rocks Park. Since the 1990s, I've been delivering the Neighborhood Newsletter on my local route.

I think I can do a good job representing Precinct 10 at Town Meeting. I hope you think so too; I would appreciate your support. Thank you.

### **Charles T. Foscett\***

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Arlington is a vibrant, warm community with dedicated professionals in both Town-side and School-side organizations that provide excellent municipal and educational services. This history of excellence derives from Arlington's long tradition of citizen activism and commitment through our Town Meeting form of government. As one who has benefited from this centuries-long tradition, I have always wanted to give back time and energy to my friends and neighbors in our community.

It has been my honor and privilege to represent my neighbors at Town Meeting since 1976. I have also

been fortunate to undertake leadership roles the 2000 Rebuild Debt Exclusion Campaign to renovate and rebuild our elementary schools; the 2005 Override Campaign to augment our Town finances following the impact of the “dot-com” recession of the early 2000’s; and on the Symmes Advisory Committee to reallocate the use of the Symmes Hospital property after we lost this Town asset in a changing health care environment.

Also, I have served for 30 years on the Capital Planning Committee as a member and its long-time Chair. In addition, I have served for almost three decades on the Finance Committee and am currently Chair. I have lived with my wife MaryAnna on Brantwood Road for 47 years, and our children attended and graduated from Arlington’s schools.

With your support, I hope to continue to serve my friends and neighbors as a dedicated Town Meeting Member.

**Jane L. Howard\***

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As a Town

Mtg member since 1986, I feel the TownMtg process provides an open and fair platform for highlighting, through an organized process, the general notification and reinforcement of issues important to both residents and businesses on the health and needs of our community.

**Sanjay S. Newton\***

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Hello! My name is Sanjay Newton. I am running for my second term on Town Meeting representing Precinct 10 because I believe strongly in our community and in the value of local representative democracy! I live on Ottawa Road with my wife Lauren and three children (ages 6, 4 and 2). For the past year, I have served as the clerk of the Civilian Police Advisory Board Study Committee. I am proud of the hard work of that committee and I am hopeful that Town Meeting will respond favorably to our recommendations. I am also particularly interested in the issues of housing affordability, safe streets, quality schools, and ways in which we can address climate change.

As I have grown my involvement in town government, I have continually been impressed by the quality and dedication of volunteers and staff who make Arlington's government work. We will continue to face choices about how best to face our future, and I look forward to listening to you and making thoughtful choices as your Town Meeting Member. I would welcome your thoughts and hopes for Arlington via email at [sanjay.newton@arlingtontmm.org](mailto:sanjay.newton@arlingtontmm.org). I hope you will vote for me to represent Precinct 10 in Town Meeting. Thank you!

**Elizabeth H-B Dray\***

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It has been a privilege to represent Pct 8 for the last 2 years as a Town Meeting Member. Recently rezoned to Pct 10, I look forward to meeting & hearing from new neighbors.

My 2 years as a TMM have been busy! My first year I helped write and pass the Police Civilian Advisory Board Study Committee (PCABs) article, successfully adding amendments to ensure its diversity & independence. Last year I successfully proposed an article to provide remote public access to town meetings beyond the pandemic. This year I submitted an article to increase diversity in Town committees. My evenings are spent on Zoom attending meetings including the Select Board, Redevelopment Board, Envision Arlington, Housing Authority, PCABs, & the Remote Participation



working group. I am a member of the Diversity Task Group, Civic Engagement Group & Arlington Fights Racism & am the Executive Director of the nonprofit Arlington-Teosinte Sister City Project.

My most important role is to be a bridge between you & the town by letting you know what is going on & offering different ways for you to engage - if you want to! In that spirit I promoted more frequent precinct meetings & co-author a regular Pct 8 & 10 newsletter sharing Town events & news with a specific lens of diversity, equity & inclusion.

I am an immigrant community health organizer & volunteer with Somerville High School's English Language Learners. I respectfully ask for 1 of your 12 votes. Thank you.

**Peter B. Howard\***

[poward795@verizon.net](mailto:poward795@verizon.net)

Wife of Jane Howard 61 years

Father of 4 children educated at Arlington Public Schools K-12

More than 20 years Town Meeting Member Pct 10

Former Member & Secretary for more than 20 years Arlington Finance Committee

Retired Aerospace Engineer C S Draper Laboratory

Neighborhood Home Handyman

**Rebecca G. Gruber\***

[rebeccagruber215@gmail.com](mailto:rebeccagruber215@gmail.com)

Thank you to my neighbors who elected me to Town Meeting last year. I believe strongly that my responsibilities as a Town Meeting Member are to listen, share, and support resident engagement. On my walks around our neighborhood, I am enjoying talking and listening to you. I am spending many evenings attending Town meetings—including meetings of the Select Board, the Redevelopment Board, Election Modernization, Housing Plan, and Human Rights Committees—to listen to and understand the countless aspects and intricacies of running our town. I have been excited to share and discuss with anyone and everyone all that I've learned. I also co-write a regular newsletter for residents of Pct 8 and 10, sharing Town announcements, news and events. As chair of the Diversity Task Group and as an active member of the Envision Arlington Civic Engagement Group, I work to create opportunities for all of Arlington's residents to be heard and engaged in our community. I continue to work towards my two priorities for Arlington: to be a community in which everyone feels welcome and included, and for information and communication about Arlington's Town Government to be easily accessible to all. I hope you'll take the opportunity to vote to determine which twelve Town Meeting Members you want representing you; and I'd be very honored if you'd re-elect me to continue the work I started when you elected me last year. Find out more about me at: [tinyurl.com/RebeccaGruberP10](http://tinyurl.com/RebeccaGruberP10)

**Christian Mac Quarrie Klein\***

[cmqklein@gmail.com](mailto:cmqklein@gmail.com), 781-641-4211

My name is Christian Klein, and I am asking for one of your votes for Town Meeting. My wife and I have been residents of Arlington since 1997. Our two sons grew up here and attended our local public schools. We have made our home in Arlington, and I want to continue to be a positive and active voice for our neighbors. I have served as a Town Meeting member for Precinct 10 since 2009, and I welcome our new precinct residents! I maintain a blog about my time on Town Meeting at [atmnotes.blogspot.com](http://atmnotes.blogspot.com); I encourage you to review my record. I serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Zoning Bylaw Working Group. I am on the board of the Friends of Robbins Farm Park, and I am an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 313. As the town navigates new growth and a looming deficit, I want to help find a path forward that works for all our residents. As a parent, an architect, and a resident, I care deeply



about our town, its growth, and its future. I hope to continue to serve you as one of your Town Meeting Members. Please feel free to contact me.

**Beth M. Elliott**

[bmelliott@gmail.com](mailto:bmelliott@gmail.com)

Hi neighbors, my name is Beth Elliott and I'm running for Town Meeting in Precinct 10. My wife and I moved to Arlington with our two dogs about 5 years ago, and we have felt incredibly welcomed by our neighbors. So much is happening in our world right now, and so many of the same issues that we need to address as a nation and a planet are playing out right here in Arlington, from the need for more affordable housing, to ensuring racial justice, to addressing climate change. I'd like to bring a fresh perspective to Town Meeting and be part of helping us move forward and grow as a community. I've spoken with several new families in our neighborhood who feel like they don't have a voice in Town governance, even though they moved here because they're excited about what Arlington has to offer. My hope is to inject some of these new perspectives and energy into Town Meeting.

Many of the warrant articles for this Town Meeting relate to zoning and community development, and I've worked for over a decade as a lawyer specializing in affordable housing finance and development. My experience has taught me the complexity of these issues, and I believe my technical knowledge will be an asset as Town Meeting considers the proposed changes. I look forward to engaging with my neighbors about what the changes could mean for Arlington.

I'm also an avid cyclist and baker, as well as an enthusiastic FoodLink volunteer. I can be reached at [bmelliott@gmail.com](mailto:bmelliott@gmail.com).

**Michael J. Quinn\***

[michael.quinn@gmail.com](mailto:michael.quinn@gmail.com), 781.643.4962 (landline), 15 Shawnee Road

Current Board Chair, Council on Aging  
Current Member, Cable Advisory Committee  
Town Meeting Member since 2003  
Scouts BSA Troop 313, Arlington (Scoutmaster & Merit Badge Counselor)  
Tax Counseling for the Elderly, IRS-certified volunteer (pre-Covid, hopefully again next year)  
Past member, Symmes Financial Working group  
Former Chair, Power Company Feasibility Committee  
Teach Environmental Economics, Econometrics at Tufts University  
Married with 2 children: Brackett, Ottoson, AHS

If you have suggestions, concerns, or questions, please contact me.

If you are a resident of Precinct 10, please vote for me so I may serve another term.

Thank you.

## **Precinct 11**

**12 seats to fill**

**Meredith H. DiMola\***

[meredithdimola@gmail.com](mailto:meredithdimola@gmail.com) or call/text 617-458-1744

I have lived in Arlington with my husband and 2 girls (9 & 13), since 2014. Arlington is our home and I care very much about our community. As a Town Meeting Representative, I will continue to represent our precinct to the best of my ability.

If elected, this will be my 3rd year as a Town Meeting Member. Year one I filled in for someone that left the community. Year 2 I ran for a 3 year seat and won, but due to redistricting, I have to run again. So here I am!

As an active community member, I was PTO Co President at Bishop School for 2 years, ran their Clean Up Days for 6 years and have been a Girl Scout Leader for both of my kids for over 6 years. I have worked with the Tree Department to plant trees in our neighborhood as well as at Bishop. I was a Precinct Leader to pass the initiative to fund the High School and volunteered on the Gibbs project as well. I also have been running Good Crosby, where we collect food as a neighborhood for Arlington Eats. In the Spring of 2021 I taught outdoor garden education to kids in K-5 at Bishop Elementary School. In graduate school I studied Public Administration and Policy and local politics have always been important to me.

Thank you for your support and please reach out if you have any questions or thoughts! Meredith DiMola [meredithdimola@gmail.com](mailto:meredithdimola@gmail.com) 617-458-1744 Precinct 11 Town Meeting Member

### **Ian Goodsell\***

[ianfor11@iangoodsell.com](mailto:ianfor11@iangoodsell.com)

I'm Ian Goodsell, and I am asking for your vote on April 4 to represent Precinct 11 for a second term on Arlington's Town Meeting. My wife and I bought our first home in Arlington 20 years ago and quickly fell in love with this town. Those of you who have met me know that I care deeply about our community and want to help Arlington face the many challenges we have ahead. In my last four years as a representative of Precinct 11, I did not miss a single session of town meeting and did my best to educate myself about the issues facing the town by attending school board, zoning, and other public meetings. COVID-19 is still a serious problem and there is a continued need for social distancing. Although I enjoy personally meeting members of Precinct 11, I have concluded that the most responsible way to campaign and inform you of my opinions is to use technology. I'll be posting my thoughts about warrant articles in the coming weeks at [facebook.com/ianfor11/](https://facebook.com/ianfor11/). I also encourage you to see how I voted on issues most important to you at prior Town Meetings at [arlingtonma.gov/town-governance/town-meeting](http://arlingtonma.gov/town-governance/town-meeting). Thank you for your consideration, and I hope to have the chance to represent your interests again at Town Meeting.

### **Edward Miracco**

[emiracco+tm@gmail.com](mailto:emiracco+tm@gmail.com)

We moved to Arlington in 2018 because of its family-friendly environment, great schools, and its proximity to the greater-Boston biotech ecosystem. Our oldest is now a kindergartner at Bishop Elementary; our youngest is at Arlington Heights Nursery School and they are so excited to become a Bishop Bear in a few years. I am energized to roll up my sleeves as your Town Meeting representative to help continue the upward momentum our schools are currently on and to help push our local government toward operational excellence. As a scientist at Moderna, I have a strong sense of pride when working toward goals that help others and I would like to further extend my public service efforts as your Town Meeting representative. I believe that by working collaboratively, we can tackle the hardest problems we face. We must stick together as a community and society to create a better world for our children to inherit. I truly believe in open government and will make myself available to all Precinct 11 voters to ensure your voices are heard.

### **Lynette Culverhouse\***

781-475-7456, [lculverhouse@gmail.com](mailto:lculverhouse@gmail.com)

I have served for 2 years on Town Meeting. With re-precincting I'm running again because I hope to continue to meet and engage my neighbors and represent their voices on the complex issues facing our town. I live on Draper Ave and my children attended Bishop, Ottoson and Arlington High. As a retired public school teacher and administrator I now work as a Life Design coach and workshop facilitator with a special interest in sharing the Life Design program with teens. I came over here as an immigrant in 1978 and have lived in Arlington since 1984.

I love being a part of this vibrant and diverse community. I am an active member of Envision Arlington's Diversity Task Group and am a regular volunteer at Arlington EATS. I have long wanted to find other ways to give back to this community. I would like to see more citizen engagement in our precinct and our neighborhoods, through small gatherings and I see our diverse viewpoints as one of our greatest assets. So when difficult issues arise I would like to see us come together to listen to one another and seek creative solutions to our problems. As an immigrant, I feel especially strongly that the voices of marginalized groups in our community are heard. I'd see my role as a TMM as working with my constituents to find a way forward when opinions differ and to represent the views of people in the precinct in town decision making.

I hope I can count on your support

**Judson L. Pierce\***

[judsonpiercetm11@gmail.com](mailto:judsonpiercetm11@gmail.com)

I have lived in Arlington since 2003. My wife Laura and I have two children who have attended Bishop, Gibbs and Ottoson. I have been active in town life serving on the Human Rights Commission, elected to the School Committee, appointed to the High School Rebuild Committee, and as a town meeting member since 2016. I am interested in budget, social, environmental, education, and zoning issues. My profession is attorney concentrating on representing injured workers. I would be honored to have your vote on April 2nd.

**Matthew Dean Miller**

My name is Matthew Miller and I am running for the Arlington Town Committee in Precinct 11. Arlington is a great place to live and go to school. I have enjoyed the past 15 years as a resident with my spouse and daughter who attends Bishop Elementary school. As a scientist, I use data for decisions which ultimately must be in the best interest for the majority. I believe this strengthens my qualifications as a candidate.

Over the years, I have attended a number of school committee meetings while lobbying to add exterior locks to all entrances of Bishop school. I continue to participate meetings concerning the new Bishop playground PTO meetings. I wish to help ensure Arlington remains equitable for residents and businesses.

**Carroll E. Schwartz\***

[ed.schwartz@verizon.net](mailto:ed.schwartz@verizon.net)

My wife and I have lived on Robin Hood Road since 1973. Our daughter attended Arlington public school. My wife and I are thankful for the welcoming community we found in Arlington. After I retired, I wanted to give back to the community. I was a volunteer at the senior center helping seniors with taxes and health care issues (SHINE). I care deeply about public education, the environment, and affordable housing. I have been a town meeting members since 2015 and want to continue working to make Arlington a good place to live.

**Kristin L. Anderson\***

[forcedexposure@gmail.com](mailto:forcedexposure@gmail.com)

My name is Kristin Anderson. I live in Morningside and run a business in Arlington. I am proud of my 100% attendance record at Town Meeting. With your vote, I will continue to advocate for:

**\*IMPROVING SUSTAINABILITY\***

Arlington's buildings and vehicles must become less dependent on fossil fuels. We need to improve the town's tree canopy and make Arlington more walkable and bike-friendly. We need to protect our open spaces and keep the water in our brooks and ponds clean.

**\*ZONING THAT PROTECTS LOCAL JOBS WHILE REDUCING TAXES\***

Arlington needs more businesses and jobs. A larger commercial tax base will make the town more affordable. The town needs to create an environment for a thriving business community, with more jobs that residents can walk to.

**\*HONEST SOLUTIONS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING\***

We need to do more to help our aging, disabled, and diverse populations. Our main housing focus should be for those who cannot afford the rent and the ever-increasing real estate taxes. Our focus should be on keeping real estate taxes low, while creating affordable housing for the folks who can no longer afford to live in Arlington.

**\*ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH RELATED TO CLIMATE CHANGE\***

For more information about my work pertaining to eliminating sewage pollution and mitigating the effects of flooding, please go to: [www.savethealewifebrook.org](http://www.savethealewifebrook.org)

**Paulette Schwartz\***

[plschwartz@verizon.net](mailto:plschwartz@verizon.net)

My husband and I have lived on Robin Hood Road for over 40 years and our daughter attended Arlington public schools. I have served three terms as a town meeting member and am seeing a fourth term. I have been active in many local political campaigns and consider myself an informed citizen. This is both an exciting and difficult time in our town and Covid has amplified many of our concerns. Access to affordable housing is a complicated issue and as a TMM I will give careful study to the zoning and housing warrants that will be voted on. I am deeply concerned about environmental issues and actions that can be taken at the local level to mitigate climate change. As a senior citizen and grandparent I am aware of the needs of our seniors and strongly support providing the best educational service to all of our youth.

## **Precinct 12**

**5 seats to fill**

**Gordon Andrew Jamieson\***

I have lived in Arlington for twenty years now and am running for re-election to town meeting. During my time in Arlington I have helped organize the community rebuild of the Robbins Farm Park playground; participated in several override campaigns; was a member and co-chair of the Arlington Recycling Committee (Zero Waste Arlington) for 12 years; and am currently have been the co-chair of Envision Arlington's Fiscal Resources Task Group for 12-plus years. I have enjoyed being a town meeting member and believe that I have added constructively to the discussions held on the floor of town meeting over my now 18 years of service to Precinct 12 as one of your town meeting members. I respectively ask for your vote on Saturday April 2nd.

**James E. DiTullio\***

Phone: (781) 307-5017

Since 2016, I have been honored to represent Precinct 12 in Town Meeting. Education has been and remains a top priority for me. When I served as Undersecretary of Education to Governor Deval Patrick, I saw how the most vibrant communities in Massachusetts were built upon the solid foundation of strong public schools. In Arlington, I will always vote for policies that support our schools, educators, and students. Those policies include completion of a new high school that will better prepare our students for success in the 21st century. My other top priority is preparing Arlington to embrace a clean energy future. I serve as a member of the Town's Clean Energy Future Committee, which is working to make Arlington a net-zero emission town by 2050. In Town Meeting, I will continue to support policies that increase our Town's renewable energy portfolio and reduce pollution. In addition, I will support policies that keep Arlington a diverse, open, and respectful community for all its residents. I strive to be a dedicated and responsive representative to my neighbors. I am always available to hear from my constituents about any issue (phone: 781-307-5017). I would be honored to have your vote for another term as your representative to Town Meeting.

### **Robin L. Bergman**

[robinforp12@gmail.com](mailto:robinforp12@gmail.com), 781-646-3987

Hello Precinct 12 Neighbors:

An Arlington resident since 1980, a homeowner since 1984, I am also a professional artist with my own small business as a designer and craftsperson. I've advocated for more support for arts and culture including the initial creation of Arlington Center for the Arts back in the 1980s. I'm a member of Art Links Arlington. As a working artist, I'm concerned that creative people like me are getting priced out of our town along with diversity, renters, students, seniors, the disabled and immigrants. In addition to my involvement in the arts, I've been a political organizer, field director and campaign manager working on local and national political campaigns. Locally, I've helped lead the Issues Committee of the Arlington Democratic Town Committee, and a statewide forum committee, planning and running successful virtual forums on media issues, the climate crisis, anti-racism, health insurance, affordable housing, elections, voting, ballot and democracy issues. And I have worked on research to support several recent warrant articles for Town Meeting. Committed to social justice and collaboration, I have a deep commitment to making the world a better place and our town more inclusive. With many important issues before the town, I'd love to hear what's important to you. Reach out to me at [robinforp12@gmail.com](mailto:robinforp12@gmail.com). I'd like to contribute my efforts to keeping Arlington a welcoming place to live and work and I ask for your vote as a Town Meeting Member in Precinct 12.

### **Larry Dieringer\***

[ldieringer@gmail.com](mailto:ldieringer@gmail.com); 617-872-1858

I am running for re-election to Town Meeting to serve Precinct 12 for a third term. I've been a resident and homeowner since 2000. My wife Mora and I have two children. Lucy is an 11th grader at Arlington HS. Sam graduated last spring and is a freshman at Tufts. For nearly 30 years, I've been director of Engaging Schools, an education non-profit that collaborates with districts and schools across the country, and have served on multiple, education non-profit boards of directors. I have helped coordinate override campaign activities in the Brackett district, volunteered as a member of the Educational Visioning Committee for the new high school, and served as a youth sports coach for soccer and basketball. I will listen, be open-minded and bring my commitment to the values of equity, community, sustainability, and social responsibility to Town Meeting issues. Among my priorities are support for high quality schools and a balanced approach to development and zoning. I ask for your support.

## **Precinct 13**

## 12 seats to fill

### Annie LaCourt\*

[Annie@lacourt.net](mailto:Annie@lacourt.net)

I am a 30 year resident of Arlington and parent of two children who graduated from Arlington Public Schools. I am a 20 year member of Town Meeting, served on the Select Board for 7 years, and currently represent pct 13 on the finance committee. My focus over the years has been ensuring the town's budget represents the priorities and values of the town's residents. I advocate for spending on schools, public safety and public amenities. But I also recognize that we have limited resources that need to be spent wisely and sometimes hard choices are required. At present, I am focused on three challenges we face. The first is dealing with the climate crisis by creating resilient infrastructure, and setting policies and making investments to reduce our community's carbon footprint. The second is dealing with the need to change our zoning code to create more housing, including more affordable housing, allow for a greater variety of housing types to meet residents needs, and retain the town's economic diversity as much as possible. I support the housing production plan the ARB recently endorsed. Finally, I support the town's efforts to increase diversity, equity and inclusion and will continue to work to lower barriers to civic engagement for marginalized segments of our community. I appreciate the trust my community has placed in me over time and I ask the voters of Precinct 13 for their vote to return me to town meeting to continue working on these challenges.

### David F. Good\*

[dfgood1226@gmail.com](mailto:dfgood1226@gmail.com)

I have been a Town Meeting Member for the past 11 years. I have been active member of a number of Town and school government committees.

Former chair of the Information Technology Committee (10 yrs). Current member of the Town Day Committee. Current member of the Board of Directors - Arlington Municipal Credit Union. Former secretary of Arlington Athletic Advisory Committee. Former Chief Technology Officer for Town of Arlington and Arlington Public Schools (12 yrs).

I would like to continue to serve as your Town Meeting Member and use my understanding of the Town's business processes to assist you with questions and issues.

### Kirsi C. Allison-Ampe\*

[kirsi.allison-ampe@arlingtontmm.org](mailto:kirsi.allison-ampe@arlingtontmm.org)

Hi Precinct 13! I am running for reelection to Town Meeting because I would like to continue working on behalf of our neighborhood and our town. I live with my family on Governor Rd, and have already served on Town Meeting for two terms, plus I attended Town Meeting for years before that as a member of the Arlington School Committee. As someone who has joined a redistricted precinct, I hope to learn what are the concerns and interests of this new area I would now represent. I invite my neighbors to contact me at the email below, or you can join me in the virtual TMM Candidate forum on March 22nd. You can also learn about my TM attendance and voting records at <https://www.arlingtonma.gov/town-governance/town-meeting/2021-town-meeting>.

In addition to Town Meeting, I have served on the School Committee (12 years), the town's Long Range Plan Committee (12 years), and the Arlington High School Building Committee (6+ years). I was also a member of the Arlington Tourism and Economic Development Committee for many years. I have tried to balance my work for our town's children and education with action that benefits our larger community.

I respectfully request one of your 12 votes as your Precinct 13 Town Meeting Member on April 2nd, and



look forward to hearing from you, before or after the election.  
Sincerely, Kirsi Allison-Ampe [kirsi.allison-ampe@arlingtonmm.org](mailto:kirsi.allison-ampe@arlingtonmm.org)

## **Barbara Doyle Atkins**

[bdatkins@gmail.com](mailto:bdatkins@gmail.com)

Hi! I'm Barbara Doyle Atkins (she/her) and I'm a new candidate for Town Meeting in Precinct 13. I've lived in Arlington since 2000 and currently live on Ronald Road with my husband, daughter, and dog. I'm grateful for my neighborhood and how close we've become during the pandemic. This deeper appreciation for my community has inspired me to run for Town Meeting.

Our daughter is currently at Ottoson and was previously at Stratton. I founded and helped run the Stratton coding club for 5 years, and volunteered at school events whenever I could. Stratton PRIDE! I also ran the Girls Who Code club at the Robbins Library for 4 years; as a software engineer, I feel it's important to be as inclusive as possible with STEM education. I have also performed various leadership roles in my daughter's Girl Scout troop.

I have been volunteering with Arlington EATS, helping more during the pandemic. Last year, I volunteered with the MA Covid Vaccination Help group; we helped book over 25K vaccine appointments! More recently, I have been helping Afghan refugees who have recently arrived in Massachusetts. In addition to my local volunteering, I have worked on a number of national political campaigns.

I would be honored to serve our community through local government; staying current on local issues and hearing neighbors' opinions. Please feel free to reach out via email with questions or concerns. I would appreciate your vote on April 2nd!

## **Precinct 14**

### **6 seats to fill**

#### **Alan H. Jones**

[jones@carr-jones.com](mailto:jones@carr-jones.com)

Dear Precinct 14 neighbors,

Thank you for considering my candidacy for Town Meeting.

Elisabeth and I have lived at the corner of Quincy & Lehigh for 45 years, I've been a Town Meeting Member since 2001, and a member of the Finance Committee since 2002, giving me a long view of Arlington in modern times. I'm also active in the Arlington Historical Society, which looks way back. But how long I've lived here is less important than how long I'll be here, hopefully the rest of my life. Town Meeting governs the future, not the past.

Having moved to Boston from Pittsburgh in 1970 to attend MIT, I designed computers, advanced to management, founded a small consulting company, then around the turn of the century demoted myself to "CTO" of the IT service firm which is just me & Elisabeth. Aside from our paid gigs, we helped build Arlington Visual Budget and have volunteered to assist many community organizations with their web sites and general tech issues. I call myself an engineer, and tend to take an engineering approach to problem-solving.



I was active in the Arlington Food Co-op and garden, am a founding member of the Robbins Farm Garden, and am on the Town's Long Range Planning Committee. I'm an avid gardener, environmentalist, conservationist, and have deep respect for the rights of non-human animals.

I'll spend most of Election Day, April 2, holding a sign at the Brackett. Please say hello, ask me anything, and give me a chance to ask for your vote.

Respectfully,  
Alan H. Jones

### **Mark B. Rosenthal**

781-956-1034, [mbr@arlsoft.com](mailto:mbr@arlsoft.com)

My name is Mark Rosenthal. I'm running as a candidate for Town Meeting Member for Precinct 14.

I've lived on Walnut Street since I moved to Arlington in the late 1980s. My children attended Arlington's public schools.

If elected, these matters will be among my highest priorities:

- affordability of the town, including for those on fixed incomes
- funding for schools and public services
- improving the local business climate to reduce the percentage of the tax burden that falls on residents
- preparing the town's infrastructure for climate change. Among the things that must be dealt with are:
  - . preserving and increasing the tree canopy
  - . stopping Cambridge and Somerville from dumping raw sewage into Arlington's waterways during heavy storms, especially since such storms will increase in frequency as climate change progresses
- preserving the town's open spaces
- making sure that Town officials remember that they work for the Town residents

On election day, please vote for MARK ROSENTHAL, Town Meeting, Precinct 14, Brackett School

### **Christopher B. Moore\***

[tmm14.cmoore@gmail.com](mailto:tmm14.cmoore@gmail.com)

I have been privileged to represent precinct 14 in Arlington Town Meeting since 2013. I respectfully ask for one of your votes on Saturday, April 2nd.

- Vice-chair of the Capital Planning Committee which evaluates the budget for capital projects in Arlington: roads, parks, buildings, fire engines, etc.
- Strong supporter of public schools with two children in Arlington schools.
- Precinct co-captain for the 2016 debt exclusion campaign.
- Data Scientist & entrepreneur who brings analytical, modeling, and statistical skills to the job.
- Proponent of protecting the environment, careful economic growth, and defending human rights.

I would be honored to continue to represent you in Town Meeting and would be glad to hear from you with your thoughts and questions about the issues on the warrant for Town Meeting.

**Amy R. Goldstein\***

[amygoldstein29@gmail.com](mailto:amygoldstein29@gmail.com)

I've represented Precinct 14 in Town Meeting since 2010. I value the open space in town, and I've supported the improvements to Wellington Park and the bikeway, both of which are assets to our neighborhood. I'm excited about the efforts around sustainability and making Arlington a more bike and pedestrian friendly community. I also support smart development along Mass. Ave. that will make Arlington more vibrant and increase the tax base. Our neighborhood in between the Center and the Heights should have the same energy and draw as those business districts. I hope the new high school building will bring opportunities for the whole community. I want Arlington to be a place that looks forward, that welcomes new people, and that embraces new ideas. I always appreciate hearing from residents, and I thank you for your vote on April 2.

**Michael W. Stern\***

617-620-4606

It's been an honor to serve as a Town Meeting Member for Precinct 14 the last six years. We've accomplished a lot together: passing the Master Plan, approving the Override, building and renovating our Schools, and initiating participation in the Community Preservation Act program. I have been a resident of Arlington for more than 20 years and have two children in the public schools. I am a small business owner and member of the Board of Directors of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, I am an active coach of Arlington youth sports teams, and teach courses via Arlington Community Education for both adults and middle schoolers. As a resident, business owner, parent, and public servant, I am deeply committed to the advancement of Arlington. I would be honored to receive your continued support as a Town Meeting Member for the next three years.

## **Precinct 15**

### **12 seats to fill**

**Frank J. Ciano\***

617-968-7631, [frankieboy@aol.com](mailto:frankieboy@aol.com)

We came to Arlington from Somerville in 1956. I began my Arlington education in the 3rd grade at the Crosby School on Winter Street. I was proud in the 6th grade to be a crossing guard which required me to be early at school and wear a white over the shoulder strap and badge. Yes, long ago and not done today.

I then attended the Junior High East and graduated from the high school and onto Boston College and Suffolk Law School.

I have lived in our town for most of my life. I have been a town meeting member for many years, serving as chair of the Noise Abatement Study Committee for ten years and that committee gave Arlington it's first noise law, which has since been amended several times over the years.

I had the honor of serving as the Arlington representative to the MassPort Community Advisory Committee for many years.

At this time I am asking that my Pct 15 neighbors vote for me again so that I may continue to serve you as town meeting member.

My education, experience and service provides me with the background to serve my neighbors and I ask for your vote on April 2, 2022. I may be reached at [frankieboy@aol.com](mailto:frankieboy@aol.com) or my cell # 617-968-7631.

### **Carl Andrew Wagner**

[cwagnertmm15@outlook.com](mailto:cwagnertmm15@outlook.com)

Thank you for reading my Town Meeting Candidate Statement!

For the last 15 years my wife, daughter and I have lived by Buzzell Field on Edgehill Road, newly in Precinct 15; I was previously in 11. I grew up in Arlington, moved away and returned, seeing what a great combination of city and the suburb we have.

I hope what's important to me is important to you also:

- keeping Arlington affordable,
- preserving our climate resiliency, open spaces and trees
- protecting and funding our schools and services, and
- making sure our Town Officials work for us

The top of my list is making sure that we don't lose the things we liked about the town when we moved here.

In 2019, I helped start Arlington Residents For Responsible Redevelopment, realizing that whether we are liberal or conservative, we have shared goals in many things A-town. Please see [www.arfr.org](http://www.arfr.org) Through ARFRR, we residents have repeatedly reminded the Town that it works for us, not outside groups or big cities around us.

We face a number of headwinds, including threats that would make us less affordable, reduce our open spaces and add to flooding, proposals that would overload our infrastructure and schools and hurt our struggling business districts. On the plus side, COVID is receding, thanks to good decisions by the Town and by us all pulling together. These two years have helped us to see what we how good it is to be here.

Please vote CARL ANDREW WAGNER for Precinct 15 at STRATTON SCHOOL.

### **Christopher J. Heigham\***

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My wife and I have lived in Arlington for 25 years and have two children who attended the Arlington Public Schools. Since 2015 I have been a Town Meeting Member in the former Precinct 11, participating in all but 1 of over 50 sessions. I serve the residents of the precinct, not any other organization, and I judge each issue on its merits, not its proponents. I strongly support the schools. This year I oppose Warrant Article 38, which eliminates single-family zoning in all of Arlington. I respectfully ask for one of your votes on April 2.

### **Beth Ann Friedman\***

781-641-9935, [bethann-friedman@comcast.net](mailto:bethann-friedman@comcast.net)

I respectfully ask that you re-elect me to town meeting. I have served the town for a number of years in that capacity, and am familiar with the issues that the town is facing. I am particularly interested in

having a voice in finding a balance between the town's mandate to increase housing, particularly affordable housing, and neighborhood concerns about 40B and impact on schools and resources. Please consider casting one of your ballots for me. Sincerely, Beth Ann Friedman

**Greg Christiana\***

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I've been serving on Town Meeting for 6 years. I first got involved to ensure that our public schools have the resources and space that they need to offer kids across Arlington an excellent education. I have two children in the Arlington Public Schools, one now at Ottoson Middle School and the other at Bishop Elementary. While serving on Town Meeting I've organized and hosted several precinct meetings, and drove a successful effort to encourage and support precinct meetings town-wide. I've led successful campaigns to fund Arlington's public schools, including the renovation of Gibbs and rebuild of AHS, as well as the 2019 Prop 2 ½ Override to keep our Town responsibly funded. I serve on the Envision Arlington Standing Committee as co-chair, and I drove the creation of the Civic Engagement Group (CEG) which I now chair. My goal is for Arlington to be guided by the priorities of a diverse electorate that is well represented in Town government, and for that electorate to be well informed on the most important issues facing our town, including schools, housing, environmental sustainability, transparency of our local government, and inclusivity that extends to all members of our community.

Through Town Meeting and my other civic responsibilities I commit myself to bridging divides and strengthening our bonds as a community to overcome the obstacles that isolate and divide us. There is much work to do, and I hope to earn your vote so that I can continue this work at Town Meeting.

**Mary Ellen Bilafer\***

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I have had the honor and pleasure of being a Town Meeting Member since 2006. During these past 15 years I have learned a tremendous amount about how the Town works – budgets, different departments, our bylaws and more. Most importantly, I have learned what issues and concerns are important to our citizens, based on many of the articles that are put forth. It is fascinating to me to take part in our democracy at work and to hear different points of view on the issues facing the Town. Fellow citizens make their voices heard and everyone has a vote. I always learn something new. Sometimes the articles go the way we want and sometimes not – but we all get a chance to hear and understand the viewpoints of others. This is a very important process and one that I am honored to take part in. I was born in Arlington and grew up here. I feel fortunate to have been able stay and raise my family here. Being a Town Meeting Member is very important to me. It is a way to stay connected to this community that I love so much, and to serve my constituents to the best of my ability. I would be honored to continue to be a part of this wonderful democratic process. I pledge to continue to carefully consider each issue before us this year. I will strive to listen to all sides and vote for what I believe is in the best interests of our Town. I welcome any and all feedback from my fellow Precinct members.

## **Precinct 16**

**12 seats to fill**

**Melanie Francis\***

[melaniekfrancis@gmail.com](mailto:melaniekfrancis@gmail.com)

My name is Melanie Francis and I'm running for reelection for town meeting member precinct 16. Last year was my first time as a town meeting member and I feel like I've learned so much about town government. I really enjoyed being apart of town meeting and I enjoyed giving a different perspective as an African American women, with children in Arlington schools, friends who own businesses in Arlington and someone who rents an apartment in Arlington!! I look forward to serving a second term and learning more and serving my neighbors in precinct 16!!!

### **Joseph Solomon**

[joeforarlington@gmail.com](mailto:joeforarlington@gmail.com)

In 1980 my parents moved to Arlington to start a family because it provided strong schools and convenient transportation. Having grown up in Arlington I now find myself in a similar situation, looking forward to raising my two young children in our town. I'm running for Town Meeting in Precinct 16 because I want to give back to the town that provided for me growing up. Some of my areas of focus as a town meeting member are:

- Advocating for implementation of Connect Arlington, our sustainable transportation plan
- Supporting efforts to create housing options that are affordable for teachers and other town employees
- Preserving and improving our parks, playgrounds, and green spaces to support a healthy community

I hope I can earn your vote on April 2nd and encourage you to reach out to me with any questions!

Joseph Solomon  
Precinct 16

### **Barbara Thornton\***

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In 1986 I convinced my family to move to Arlington from Charlestown because I was impressed with the Town Manager form of government and the extremely active and involved citizen organizations that shaped the culture of the Town. I learned about Arlington by working with the Mass Municipal Association. I had a bird's eye view of all the towns in the state, along with their elected and appointed leaders. 36 years later, I have not been disappointed.

Arlington continues to live up to expectations for citizen engagement and active problem solving.

I served for over 30 years as a member of the Capital Planning Committee where I was able to see and assess problems in the School, Police, Library, Human Services and other departments. Based on what I learned, I led the Town to create two new departments: Information Technology and Facilities Maintenance, to solve newly emerging patterns of concern. I have used my training in city planning and in business administration.

In addition to Arlington activities, I write on issues of infrastructure, housing and policing; now writing a history book on municipalities and social justice. I also work with entrepreneurs.

Both my children attended and graduated from Arlington Public Schools, receiving excellent educations.

I am very enthusiastic about the initial success of the precinct level meetings which, for Pct 16, had been held in Dallin School but now are even more easily accessible on Zoom.

I hope I can earn your vote on April 2!

Barbara Thornton

## **William Brooks Harrelson\***

I've been a resident of Arlington for over 30 years, and have experienced the changes in town. My son went through the school system here, so I appreciate the strengths and some weaknesses. I've seen the generosity of the residents when Menotomy Moonbats raised money for the schools. I've served on the Diversity Task Group of (first Vision2020, now EnvisionArlington) for 6 years, and was a founding commissioner on the LGBTQIA+ Rainbow Commission.

Social equity has been a passion of mine since 1964, for race, religion, gender and sexuality identity, income disparity, and other categories. There are other issues in town that need addressing – land use, housing, disability accommodation, traffic safety and control, bicycle safety, and animal control. I'm CEO of Accordare, Inc., a small software company headquartered in Arlington.

I bring an open, analytical mind to problems, and an impulse to create solutions that are win-win for all participants. I am socially progressive and fiscally conservative. I like to see money used well.

Being a town meeting member for the past 2 years has been informative, collegial, hard work, and very enlightening and enriching. I take my votes seriously, and strive to become educated on all points of view on the matters before us. I expect to continue to grow and provide value to the town.

I appreciate your past votes, and I hope you will vote for me for Town Meeting in Precinct 16. Thank you.

## **Marvin Robert Lewiton\***

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I look at being a Town Meeting Member as a privilege, and an opportunity to serve my community. Arlington has been a great place to live for me and my family, and I want to be able to help to make that a reality for all of us. As a TMM, I've been able to advocate for what I see as important issues for not only my precinct, but the town as a whole, by supporting the modernization of our school buildings, and working to provide housing that's affordable. Some years ago there was a plan to do away with the Park Ave. fire station. I co-led the effort to retain it, and thereby ensure that residents in this part of town would continue to receive a timely emergency response to fires or medical emergencies. I look forward to continuing this work, and respectfully ask for your support in the coming election.

## **Sandra M. Mostajo\***

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My name is Sandra Mostajo, and it has been my pleasure to serve as Town Meeting Member for Precinct 16 since my election in June, 2020. Due to some shifting of precinct lines this year, my 3 year term has been cut short and I find myself having to ask for your vote a year early.

I continue to be deeply committed to working hard to make the best of our great community. I pride myself in being a thoughtful decision maker that enjoys working collaboratively and strives to find common ground to get things done.

As always, please don't hesitate to reach out. I want to hear from you! I promise to do my best to address your questions and concerns.

I hope I can count on your vote on Saturday, April 2!

Sandra Mostajo, 191 Park Avenue

[smostajo@yahoo.com](mailto:smostajo@yahoo.com)

781-608-8909

## **Alyssa Rosen Saunders**



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In 2017, my husband and I moved to Arlington with our young daughter. We had previously been living in Somerville where I was active in local politics. From 2009 to 2017, I served on the Energy Use and Climate Change Commission advising the mayor and city staff on sustainable projects. I was also a member of the Mayor's Young Somerville Advisory Group (YSAG) and represented YSAG on the Somerville comprehensive plan steering committee by participating in a multi-year process to create a 20-year strategic plan for the city. I have a master's degree from Tufts University in Urban Environmental Planning and Policy. Since 2011, I've worked for Mt. Auburn Associates, a small, women-owned strategic planning and evaluation firm that works at the intersection of economic development and policy. These efforts support learning that drives action to alleviate economic and social inequities. I have loved living in Arlington the last five years, getting to know my neighbors, the Brackett Elementary School community where my daughter Sierra attends first grade, and the Arlington Heights Nursery School community where my son Toby is currently in pre-K. I am eager to engage in local politics as a town meeting member for Precinct 16. As a proponent of building resilient, equitable communities, I would love the opportunity to engage in Arlington politics in a meaningful way to ensure Arlington is one of those resilient, equitable communities!

## **Precinct 17**

### **12 seats to fill**

#### **Allan Tosti\***

781 820-1580, [abtosti@outlook.com](mailto:abtosti@outlook.com)

My name is Allan Tosti. I live at 1 Watermill Place and I am running for reelection for Town Meeting Member from Precinct 17.

I have been a resident of Arlington for 51 years and have been in Town Meeting representing Precinct 3 in East Arlington for 46 years and representing Precinct 17 for 4 years with a near perfect attendance record. I have served on the Town Finance Committee for 48 years and served as chair of the committee for 30 years. I have also served on various other temporary town committees.

Since moving to Precinct 17 five years ago, I have come to appreciate Arlington Heights and its variety of housing, businesses, parks and natural areas. I pledge to work hard to protect, maintain and improve our neighborhood and the town. Please feel free to contact me at 781 820-1580 or [abtosti@outlook.com](mailto:abtosti@outlook.com) on any issue.

I would appreciate your vote on April 2th!!

#### **Michael J. Brown\***

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Home-owner more than 20 years. Former President Ottoson PTO; active in several campaigns to approve 2 1/2 overrides; veteran Town Meeting Member; Education: Columbia College, BA; Harvard Kennedy School, MPA; married to Jessica Goldhirsch, two adult children.

Endorsed "In-Law" apartment approval and keeping Black Lives Matter banner at Town Hall.

Host of Arlington Community Media award-winning talk show: We Hold These Truths.

**Laura B. Gitelson\***

[lbg217@gmail.com](mailto:lbg217@gmail.com)

My name is Laura Gitelson and I am asking for your vote to continue representing Precinct 17 in Town Meeting. I have lived in Arlington since 2014 and was first elected to Town Meeting in 2018. I am a lawyer, having spent the first part of my career as a public defender in New York and Massachusetts. More recently I have worked in higher education, primarily in the area of law school and college admissions. I live on Bow Street with my husband Joshua Arnold, who is also a Town Meeting member, my 7 year old (1st grader at the Peirce School) and my almost 5 year old. I love living in Arlington and am proud to serve our precinct. I have been an active volunteer in Arlington around education and social justice issues. For the past year I have been honored to work as co-chair of the Civilian Police Advisory Board Study Committee, which was created by vote of Town Meeting in December, 2020. As a result of the study committee's work, the upcoming Town Meeting will consider a warrant article forming a permanent Civilian Police Advisory Board. I have been a long time volunteer for a number of local anti-poverty nonprofits, including the Somerville Homeless Coalition and Community Cooks. I am committed to fighting for racial justice, LGBTQIA+ equality, educational equity, and anti-poverty policies and programs.

I would love to hear from you with any questions or concerns.

[lbg217@gmail.com](mailto:lbg217@gmail.com)

**Xavid Pretzer\***

[xavid@xavid.us](mailto:xavid@xavid.us)

I'm Xavid Pretzer. I've been proud to represent District 17 in Town Meeting this past year, and I would be honored to be re-elected to continue to advocate for you in Town Meeting.

Housing diversity is crucial to help Arlington be a welcoming community for everyone. We took some good steps in Town Meeting last year, but we must do more to increase production of both Affordable and market-rate housing. I've introduced a warrant article to support mixed-use development in business districts along our transit corridors, providing opportunities for new housing. If elected I will also support other measures to allow creation of more housing for everyone. It is on us to reduce displacement and make Arlington a place our children will be able to afford to live.

It's important for each town to address climate change. Arlington should continue to support renewable energy and move away from fossil fuels. I've seen firsthand the extent of flooding in District 17 and talked to many impacted by it. More must be done to address this issue. Beyond this, Arlington should further improve our parks, waterways, and tree coverage.

Arlington should support alternative transportation through improved pedestrian, bike, and bus infrastructure and reduced parking minimums. Reducing parking minimums also reduces traffic and encourages new housing and businesses.

I hope you will support me in working to make Arlington better for everyone. I welcome your input, questions, and concerns at [xavid@xavid.us](mailto:xavid@xavid.us).

**Susan D. Webber\***

[sdwebber@rcn.com](mailto:sdwebber@rcn.com)

As a 50+ year resident of Arlington, I've seen our town go through a lot of changes. Most were for the best but some were not. Our town is unaffordable for the next generation, for low- and mid-income people, and for small businesses, and most importantly does not represent the diversity of this country. I joined town meeting three years ago because I care about ensuring that our schools have the resources

they need to educate our children and town services are able to support all Arlingtonians, no matter their ethnicity, age, income level, sexual orientation or disability status. I want to our community to help preserve our planet, and do the best we are able, with limited financial resources, to ensure that Arlington remains a wonderful place to live, work and raise families. I hope you will vote for me as one of your Town Meeting representatives from Precinct 17.

**Amy L. Slutzky\***

email or phone: (617) 413-9405

Five years ago when it became clear to me that it was necessary to fortify our country's democracy and mobilize our human activity to turn around the damage to our planet, I felt compelled to get even more involved in politics. Adding my voice to the extraordinary process of Arlington's Town Meeting brought me into government at the ground level. This has only strengthened my appreciation for the Town where I have been living, in Precinct 17 since 2001.

My decades of work with the public as a Pediatric Occupational Therapist with an eye on social justice, wellness and mental health, and the critical role public education plays in a healthy society informs my concept of the common good. After contributing to the design of the Kindergarten Playground at the Peirce School, it has been particularly exciting for me to watch children explore the challenging equipment when it came to life. The playground is integral to the development and achievement of all students at school and beyond. Our town's commitment to making an investment in this resource reflects what makes Arlington such an extraordinary place to live.

It is my hope that this statement provides a profile that encourages you to vote for me to continue to represent you in Town Meeting.

I close my statement as I did two years ago: take care in these precarious times. Sincerely,  
Amy L. Slutzky

**Angela M. Olszewski\***

[amolszewski@gmail.com](mailto:amolszewski@gmail.com); 781-648-8649

It has been my privilege to represent precinct 17 as a town meeting member for more than twenty years. I have professional experience in state and municipal government. I have served on numerous town and nonprofit volunteer committees, including Vision 2020 (now Envision Arlington), the Finance and Capital Planning committees, and the Dallin Museum Board of Trustees. I stay abreast of issues impacting the town and our area to cast well-educated votes. I have spoken on behalf of neighborhood interests and will continue to do so, if re-elected. I did not grow up in Arlington, but have made it my adopted hometown. I am committed to our community and participate in every opportunity to keep it a special place. Town Meeting is our legislative body, making decisions that set the budget, determine zoning, and enact bylaws that impact quality of life. It is a responsibility that I take seriously. I respectfully ask for your vote on April 2nd to continue representing precinct 17 at Town Meeting. Please do not hesitate to contact me at [amolszewski@gmail.com](mailto:amolszewski@gmail.com) or 781-648-8649 if you have questions or would like to discuss issues important to you.

**Ann M. LeRoyer\***

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I have been representing Precinct 17 in Town Meeting for more than 20 years, and would greatly appreciate your vote to continue to be one of your 12 representatives. In addition to my commitment to Town Meeting, I am the chair of the Open Space Committee (since 2001) and serve on several other Town committees as part of the Master Plan Implementation Committee. I am also a long-time member of the Reservoir Committee and I serve on the boards of the nonprofit Arlington Land Trust and the historic Old Schwamb Mill.

Of relevance to residents of Precinct 17, I have attended many public hearings and have been outspoken in expressing concerns about such recent issues as the redesign of the Appleton Street/Mass Ave. intersection, the proposed development of a four-story hotel on Mass Ave. near the same intersection, and the redevelopment of the Theodore Schwamb Mill complex at 1165R Mass Ave as a 40B housing project. This entire corridor presents challenges for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists alike, and I will remain involved in future planning meetings and other efforts to advocate for the best and safest outcomes for the neighborhood. Thank you for your support.

## **Precinct 18**

### **12 seats to fill**

#### **Gilbert Irizarry\***

781-643-1080, [gil@conoa.com](mailto:gil@conoa.com)

As a 20-year resident of Arlington, I've had the pleasure and the privilege to serve Arlington in a number of ways: as a Town Meeting member for nearly a decade, serving as chair of the TM Precinct 18 delegation, as a Dallin PTO member and as an Arlington Soccer Club coach. Arlington has changed much during that time and continues to grow and evolve. The town now faces new challenges: how to manage growth, how to ensure equitable access to housing and how to maintain the town's character. I look forward to working with the Precinct 18 delegation and Town Meeting to meet these challenges.

#### **Carolyn M. Parsons\***

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As a resident of Arlington for many years I am a strong proponent of a representative town meeting. As a town meeting member I have come to value the discussion at town meeting in order to make a more informed decision. Sometimes my view has changed not once, but twice, depending on the current flow of the discussion.

My interests include, in no particular order, the finances of the town, the education of our youth, and environmental/conservation issues. I am disheartened to contemplate the development of the Mugar site in east Arlington, no matter that it is reduced in size. I am pleased that construction on the high school appears on schedule and on budget.

Please consider me for one of your votes on April 2.

#### **Jamie Jacee Fisher**

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I've lived in Arlington, with my family, for the last seven years. As an educator and mother of two children in local schools I care deeply about this vibrant community and look forward to being involved.

#### **Heather Angelina Cooke\***

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I have been an Arlington resident since 2012, I am a drug discovery scientist in biotech, and I am a mother to a second grader at Dallin. It has been an honor to represent precinct 18 in Town Meeting since 2017 and I have been grateful to play this role in our community. I ask you to please vote for me again so

that I may continue doing so for another term. My main goal as TMM is to make sure Arlington continues to be one of the most desirable places to live, for all current and future residents. I will do this by voting for articles that enhance our public schools, increase diversity and inclusiveness, and support the addition of more affordable housing in a smart and meaningful way. Additionally, I want to see Arlington be at the forefront of efforts trying to solve the environmental challenges we are faced with today and will vote in support of measures that will get us there. Thank you!

**Nancy Lehrman Bloom\***

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My name is Nancy Bloom and I am running for re-election to Town Meeting for Precinct 18. I am truly committed to listening to constituents and continuing to learn about the many issues facing our town, especially housing, transportation, and education. I wish to continue to be a part of Town Meeting as we grapple with the many issues that challenge us to be the best Arlington we can be, and to be representative of all of the people who live in this town. Our constituents look to their representatives for help, and I hope that any person in Precinct 18 who has any questions or concerns contacts me to help them.

I believe that my three years on Town Meeting have helped me better understand the myriad issues facing us as we move forward. Please remember to vote on Saturday, April 2nd and if you live in Precinct 18, I would very much appreciate your vote.

**Brian Terence White**

[briantwhite@me.com](mailto:briantwhite@me.com)

I have been a resident of Precinct 18 for 29 years. During that time, I have served in Town Meeting (1993 – 2009) and watched my two sons graduate from Arlington High School. As a Biology professor at the University of Massachusetts, Boston, I see the importance of high-quality public education every day. As a Town Meeting member, I will be committed to the constant improvement of the already excellent schools we have in our town. Over these years, I have watched as more stores and restaurants have moved into town and seen how this has improved the quality of life in town. As a Town Meeting Member, I will work to see that we continue to attract businesses that make the town a better place to live. I am also concerned about the rising cost of housing in Arlington and will work to provide places for people to live that are affordable and consistent with our town's unique flavor. Finally, I look forward to a chance to give back to the town that has made such a great place to live for myself and my family.

## **Precinct 19**

### **5 seats to fill**

**Flynn C. Monks\***

[precinct19fcm@gmail.com](mailto:precinct19fcm@gmail.com)

I live on Wright St near the Peirce School with my wife and two children, one a senior at the high school and the youngest a third grader at Peirce. I've been very happy to have served Arlington as a Town Meeting Member for Precinct 19 since 2015 and would love to have your vote for another three year term. In my time on Town Meeting I've been a committed supporter of public school funding and on environmental issues. I'm particularly proud of votes affirming capital spending on our school expansion and for the new high school, and on our home rule legislation to prohibit fossil fuels in new construction. I will always be committed to the goal of justice broadly - a sustainable, diverse, and democratic

community. Happy to chat through any town-wide issue or warrant articles, so if you are in Precinct 19 (or elsewhere!) feel free to shoot me an email at [precinct19fcm@gmail.com](mailto:precinct19fcm@gmail.com).

**Ines Montserr Zuckerman\***

[Mzuckerman51@gmail.com](mailto:Mzuckerman51@gmail.com)

Dear Neighbor,

I live by Turkey Hill, on Gay St., and am running for a Precinct 19 3-year position on Town Meeting. Our family has called Arlington home for the past ten years when my husband and I moved to Arlington from Indianapolis, Indiana. Our children and grandchildren have all migrated to Arlington as well.

This will be the second time I have run for public office. The first time was last year, when I was elected Precinct 19 Town Meeting Member (TMM) for one year (2021-2022). As TMM, I attended every meeting and voted on the many warrant articles discussed and brought to a vote during the session.

Through being on TM I have become aware of the many Arlington groups striving to improve Arlington, such as by advocating for issues of equity (Arlington Fights Racism), for our green spaces (Arlington MA Invasives ArMI), for safe roads throughout our town (Everywhere Arlington Livable Streets (EALS) Coalition). I have highlighted these few as they have brought issues I support to the attention of Town Meeting and the Select Board.

With other Pct 19 TMMs I hope to organize meetings with our precinct's residents on a consistent basis. I see these meetings as a forum for exchanging information and advocating for solutions regarding issues affecting our neighborhoods, such as safer streets and healthy green spaces, and the larger issues of growth and equity affecting all Arlington residents.

I hope I can count on your vote!

Montserrat

**Matthew Owen (write-in candidate)**

[matthewsowen@gmail.com](mailto:matthewsowen@gmail.com)

My name is Matthew Owen, and I am running for Town Meeting this year as a write-in candidate. I am a data scientist by profession and am currently working in the healthcare space. I, along with my wife, have been a homeowner in Precinct 19 since 2020, and we have been living in the area for over a decade. As a Town Meeting Member, I will strive to make Arlington a more welcoming place that prioritizes the well-being of its most vulnerable citizens! In particular, I am focused on making housing in the Town more affordable and improving safety on our roads for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians. With the current wave of COVID-19 subsiding, I am eager to get out into the community and discuss local issues with other residents of Precinct 19 so that I can give voice to their views in Town Meeting. When you vote for your Town Meeting members this year, please include me and remember to write in my full name: Matthew Owen.

## **Precinct 20**

**4 seats to fill**

**Nora J. Mann**

[njmann1958@gmail.com](mailto:njmann1958@gmail.com)



I have lived in Arlington, here in Pct 20 for almost 30 years - it'll be 30 in mid May. We moved here when our older son was 2 and we'd just had our youngest son. They went to the Dallin and Ottoson and High School - none in a new building (though I worked hard in support of each debt exclusion and override).

I was on TM for many years in the mid-1990s and early 2000s and was also on the Arlington Redevelopment Board during that time. I believe in service and love the communitarian and activist spirit of our community.

I'm ready to re-join TM - I know that the Arlington of 2022 is a different place than 30 years ago but I remain as deeply committed to the town our residents.

I serve on the board of Food Link and, by profession am a mostly-retired lawyer. The bulk of my career as a lawyer was for the state and I understand the complex relationship between the individual and their government.

I look forward to hearing from folks here in Pct 20 about what moves you and what you think your government can do to support Arlington as the wonderful home for each of us and as a welcoming place for newcomers who will become as passionate about it as we are.

## Precinct 21

### 5 seats to fill

#### **Susan Robin Doctrow\***

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As a Pct 21 resident since 2003 and TM member since 2007, I appreciate how collaborative local action impacts life in our neighborhoods and across town. After a 2007 traffic fatality on Westminster, I helped recruit a traffic safety working group of neighbors and Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) members. On the TAC, I continued this work along with Safe-Routes-to-School for Peirce. I co-sponsored the hard-won 2010 TM article enabling off-leash morning dog recreation, co-founding the nonprofit advocacy group, A-DOG. On the town Dog Park Task Force, I helped plan the much-loved fenced dog park at Thorndike. In 2016, I helped mobilize neighbors to protect Mt. Gilboa conservation land from a TM article to broaden its use for housing. On the Envision Arlington Standing Committee, I helped connect residents to local volunteering and town government. I sponsored a 2020 TM resolution to encourage more support for clean energy improvements in historic districts like ours. I'm now on the Community Preservation Act Committee (CPAC), reviewing grants for community housing, open space/recreation, and historic preservation projects, and act as a CPAC liaison to the Affordable Housing Trust. I volunteered for many election campaigns – local, MA, and national – and am on the Arlington Democratic Town Committee. I'm honored to represent our precinct at TM and ask for your vote and, always, your input.

#### **David E. White\***

[david.white@arlingtontmm.org](mailto:david.white@arlingtontmm.org)

Have been an Arlington resident for over 40 years. Strong supporter of the Arlington public schools which my children and grandchildren attended. Have been a member of the Conservation Commission and the Open Space Committee for over 10 years. Also a long-term member of the Reservoir Committee and the Friends of Arlington's Great Meadows. Want to keep Arlington a welcoming, attractive, and healthy place for people to live.

#### **Jason W. Martin**

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I have been an Arlington resident for 13 years in precinct 21. My wife and I have raised our 3 kids here and they currently attend 3 different APS schools (Peirce, Gibbs and Ottoson). Over the past ten years, I have been active in a variety of local clubs and initiatives, including the Arlington Soccer Club, the Peirce PTO and the Cub Scouts and have been very attuned to town government. My family completed a major home renovation 4 years ago, which gave me particular insights into the zoning process. Professionally, I am a VP at Oracle in Burlington where I manage a consulting team in the Health Sciences Global Unit.

This is my first time running for Town Meeting. I have been interested in getting more involved in town governance for the past few years and decided that now was the right time to pursue this opportunity. I believe Arlington is a strong and dynamic community with a promising future and I am proud to call it home. I am passionate about education, diversity and inclusion and smart development and believe they are key topics for Arlington. I think the town has made great strides in these areas through initiatives such as the ongoing high school rebuild, the renovation of the Reservoir Beach and other playground and community investments, and we have demonstrated leadership with diversity issues and our COVID response. That said, there is always more to be done and I hope to be able to contribute to that cause by representing precinct 21 as a town meeting member.