

Arlington Town Meeting — Motion to Amend

ARTICLE NO. 12

Dated: April 28, 2022

I, Josephine Babiarz, do hereby submit the following Motion to Amend Article 12 By-Law Amendment/Single Use Plastic Water Bottle Regulation:

To amend the recommended vote of the Select Board by making the following changes to Section 6, Effective Date, by deleting “November 1, 2022” and replacing it with “November 1, 2023.

So that Section 6 reads as follows (additions are underlined and removals are in strikeout):

Section 6: Effective Date. The provisions of this by-law shall take effect on November 1, ~~2022~~ 2023.

Comment:

Rationale: I support this measure. However, I spoke with the owners of take-out eateries I frequent. Unanimously, they want this voted down -- because they said people will just buy soda instead, which isn't as healthy. The soda comes in plastic bottles and will become trash. There are no operating public drinking fountains in town that I found. I don't think there are many trash cans. Until we provide the structure to make refillable water containers possible, IMHO we are trading one form of trash for another.

I also note that this measure has been hotly debated on Arlington FB pages, and to avoid the situation faced by Concord, more education and reach-out is needed. Delaying this implementation should provide the time to educate, install refillable water stations and trash cans.

Respectfully submitted,
Josephine Babiarz, P 15