



## **Sustainable Arlington**

### **An Environment Committee of Envision Arlington**

#### **Agenda**

**Date:** Monday, January 30, 2023

**Time:** 7:30 – 9:00 pm

**Location:** Virtual Meeting by Zoom

Please register in advance to get the zoom link: <https://town-arlington-ma-us.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0lfuypqTgjHtLl6oaG4vVBHjBA5-UJRL0U>

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At the start of the meeting, we will:

1. Confirm first and last name of everyone on the call for the minutes and make sure that everyone can hear each other
2. Read [Preamble to Remote Meetings](#)
3. Introduce all members, staff, and persons on the agenda
4. Meeting materials will be available online through Novus or Town website for the public.

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1. Introductions
2. Native American Land Acknowledgement
3. Updates:
  - a. Planning Department
    - i. new data on Arlington gas leaks

- ii. Urban Ecology Framework
  - b. Massachusetts Climate Action Network
    - i. [Zero Carbon Renovation Fund](#) for equitable building decarbonization
- 4. Specialized Stretch Code & Demonstration Program
  - a. Specialized Stretch Code next steps, warrant article, organizing
    - i. As of 1/25, already adopted by Brookline, Watertown and Cambridge; likely to come up this spring in 15-17 other municipalities
    - ii. Virtual workshop 3/1 with probable Select Board hearing after that
    - iii. FAQs and other information being gathered
    - iv. Needs: precinct captains, volunteers for precinct meetings, website, writing letters
  - b. Demonstration Program
    - i. Draft regulations and recommended model bylaw (hearing 2/8, comments 2/10)
    - ii. Will probably go before town meeting in the fall
- 5. Legislation filed by Arlington's State Senator Cindy Friedman and Representatives Sean Garballey and Dave Rogers
  - a. [HD.225](#) An Act authorizing the town of Arlington to adopt and enforce local regulations restricting the use of fossil fuels in certain construction
  - b. [HD.230](#) An Act authorizing the town of Arlington to prohibit use of second generation anti-coagulant rodenticides by commercial pesticide applicators
  - c. [HD2472](#) An Act responding to the threat of invasive species
- 6. Artificial turf: human and environmental health impacts, connection to fossil fuel and plastic industries contributes to climate change
  - a. [Artificial turf resources](#), Toxics Use Reduction Institute, UMass Lowell, <https://www.turi.org/>
- 7. Approve [minutes of December meeting](#)
- 8. Announcements:
  - a. Former Sustainable Arlington co-chair Amos Meeks has been appointed to Arlington's Clean Energy Future Committee
  - b. Sewing materials swap, Sat., Feb. 18, 9:30-11:30 am, Robbins Library. [Sign up here.](#)
- 9. Adjourn

Next meeting: Feb. 2023, Date TBD. The agenda will be posted on our website and on the Town calendar [here](#).

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