Arlington Town Meeting Voting Results 04/30/2012

2012 Annual Town Meeting (Third Session)

Monday, April 30, 2012

Annual Town Meeting

Articles Voted: 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20,21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 28 and 30

Articles Tabled: 14 (Leba Heigham, Pr. 11, School Committee Member)
Articles Postponed: 25 (Carol Band, TMM, Pr. 8) Postponed to May 9th

27 (Christopher P. Loreti, TMM, Pr. 7) Postponed to May 9th 29 (Clarissa Rowe, TMM, Pr. 4) Postponed to May 2nd

Articles for Reconsideration: 16 (Sean Harrington, TMM, Pr. 15)

22 (Eric D. Helmuth, TMM, Pr. 12) 30 (Lyman G. Judd, Jr., TMM, Pr. 9)

ARTICLE 8 ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/ACCESSORY APARTMENTS

VOTED: (VOICE VOTE) (QUORUM PRESENT)

DEFEATED

A true copy of the vote under Article 8 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Arlington at the session held April 30, 2012.

ATTEST:
Town Clerk

ARTICLE 11 ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/

COMPREHENSIVE PERMIT APPLICATIONS

VOTED: (UNANIMOUSLY) (QUORUM PRESENT – MORE THAN 85

TMM PRESENT AND VOTING)

That the Zoning Bylaw be and hereby is amended by inserting in the first sentence, after the word "oaths," the phrase "but must do so for hearings involving MGL Chapter 40B" and by inserting into the fourth sentence after the word "proceedings" the following text: "which in the case of MGL 40B hearings shall require that all testimony be electronically recorded,".

A true copy of the vote under Article 11 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Arlington at the session held April 30, 2012.

ATTEST: Town Clerk

ARTICLE 12 VOTE-BYLAW AMENDMENT/HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

VOTED: (UNANIMOUSLY) (QUORUM PRESENT)

That the Title I, Article 6 ("Classification and Compensation Plans and Personnel By-Law") of the Town Bylaws be and hereby is amended by (a) in the title of the article, replacing "Personnel" with "Human Resource"; (b) in Section 1, replacing "Personnel" with "Human Resource" and inserting after the word "Director" the parenthetical phrase, "(for purposes of this article, 'Director')"; (c) throughout the article, deleting the word "Personnel" each time it appears before the word "Director"; (d) throughout the article, deleting the word "Personnel" each time it appears before the word "Board" and replacing it with the words "Human Resource"; (e) throughout the article, deleting the word "Personnel" each time it appears before the word "Department" and replacing it with the words "Human Resource"; (f) in the second sentence of Section 3, replacing the word "statue" with the word "statute"; (g) in the first sentence of Section 4, deleting the words "subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen"; (h) in Section 5, deleting the words "of the Town"; (i) in the first sentence of Section 13(G), replacing "Town Accountant" with "Comptroller"; and (j) deleting the text of Section 17 in its entirety and replacing it with the word "DELETED."

A true copy of the vote under Article 12 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Arlington at the session held April 30, 2012.

ATTEST:
Town Clerk

ARTICLE 13 BYLAW AMENDMENT/BUDGET SUBMISSIONS

VOTED: (UNANIMOUSLY) (QUORUM PRESENT)

That the Town Bylaws be and hereby are amended by (a) deleting the text of Article 11 ("Program Budget") of Title I; and (b) replacing it with the word "DELETED."

A true copy of the vote under Article 13 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Arlington at the session held April 30, 2012.

ATTEST:
Town Clerk

ARTICLE 15 BYLAW AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION OF

MEETING MINUTES

VOTED: (UNANIMOUSLY) (QUORUM PRESENT)

That no action be taken under Article 15.

A true copy of the vote under Article 15 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Arlington at the session held April 30, 2012.

ATTEST: Town Clerk

ARTICLE 16 BYLAW AMENDMENT/TIME OF TOWN

MEETING SESSIONS

VOTED: (VOICE VOTE) (QUORUM PRESENT)

The article was defeated.

A true copy of the vote under Article 16 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Arlington at the session held April 30, 2012.

ATTEST: Town Clerk

ARTICLE 17 BYLAW AMENDMENT/NEWSPAPER BINS

VOTED: (UNANIMOUSLY) (QUORUM PRESENT)

That Title III, Article 1, Section 31 of the Town Bylaws be and hereby is amended by adding the following paragraph 8 to subsection C ("Certificate of Compliance/Application Process"): "8. Certificates of Compliance must be renewed annually in accordance with renewal procedures adopted by the Director."

A true copy of the vote under Article 17 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Arlington at the session held April 30, 2012.

ATTEST: Town Clerk

ARTICLE 18 BYLAW AMENDMENT/HISTORIC DISTRICTS

VOTED: (POSITIVE VOTE) (QUORUM PRESENT)

That Title VII, Article 4, Section 5 ("Remedies for Violations") of the Town Bylaws be and hereby is amended by (a) in the first sentence, replacing "the relevant Commission" with "a Commissioner" and "it" with "he or she"; (b) in the second sentence, deleting "one of the Commissioners shall find any" and inserting after "such violation" the words "is found to exist, the Chairman of the Commissions"; (c) in the second and third sentences, deleting "he or she shall inform the full Commission and may inform the Director of Police Services of same. If so informed, the Director of Police Services, after consultation with"; (d) combining the second and third sentences; (e) in the new second sentence, replacing "shall" with "may," adding "(s)" to "individual," replacing "is" with "are," replacing "approved plan, information, or drawing pertinent thereto, or a certificate" with "approvals or certificates," and inserting a period after "By-law"; (f) replacing "and such" from the next sentence with "Such" and inserting the word "immediate" before suspension; and (g) in the next sentence inserting the word, "relevant" before "Commission."

A true copy of the vote under Article 18 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Arlington at the session held April 30, 2012.

ATTEST:
Town Clerk

ARTICLE 19 PERSONNEL BYLAW AMENDMENT/ VACATION CARRYOVER

VOTED: (UNANIMOUSLY) (QUORUM PRESENT)

That the Title I, Article 6 ("Classification and Compensation Plans and Personnel By-Law") of the Town Bylaws be and hereby is amended by (a) in Section C ("Effective Date"), inserting "Town" before "employees" and adding a second sentence that reads: "For School Department employees, vacation leave will be granted to eligible employees, according to their accrual rates, either on July 1 or September 1 of each year."; (b) in Section E ("Limits on Accumulation"), deleting everything after the first sentence and replacing it with the following:

(1) Requests for such carryover by Town employees must be submitted to the appropriate appointing authority before the end of the calendar year in which the vacation leave was granted, provided that all carryover vacation shall be used by the following April 30th. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, all Town employees who have been granted carryover vacation days on December 31, 2009, shall be allowed to carry over two thirds of that amount on December 31, 2010, and one third of that amount on December 31, 2011.

All vacation days carried over under the previous sentence shall be utilized by December 31, 2012, and the previous allowance shall cease to have effect on that date.

(2) In the School Department, requests for carryover must be submitted to the Superintendent before the end of the employee's vacation year. All carryover vacation shall be used by the end of four months following the conclusion of the employee's work year. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, all School Department employees who have been granted vacation days on December 31, 2009, shall be allowed to carry over two thirds of that amount at the commencement of their work year in 2011 and one third of that amount at the commencement of their work year in 2012. All vacation days carried over under the previous sentence shall be utilized by the commencement of the 2013 work year.

A true copy of the vote under Article 19 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Arlington at the session held April 30, 2012.

ATTEST: Town Clerk

ARTICLE 20 BYLAW AMENDMENT/TIME LIMITS FOR TOWN MEETING SPEAKERS

VOTED: (STANDING VOTE – 125 IN THE AFFIRMATIVE AND 59 IN THE NEGATIVE) (QUORUM PRESENT)

That the first sentence of Title I, Article 1, Section 7(C) of the Town Bylaws ("Time Limits") be and hereby is amended by replacing "ten minutes" with "seven minutes."

A true copy of the vote under Article 20 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Arlington at the session held April 30, 2012.

ATTEST:
Town Clerk

ARTICLE 21 BYLAW AMENDMENT/ELECTRONIC TOWN MEETING VOTING

VOTED: (UNANIMOUSLY) (QUORUM PRESENT)

That no action be taken under Article 21.

A true copy of the vote under Article 21 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Arlington at the session held April 30, 2012.

ATTEST: Town Clerk

ARTICLE 22 ESTABLISH COMMITTEE TO STUDY ELECTRONIC VOTING FOR TOWN MEETING

VOTED: (POSITIVE) (OUORUM PRESENT)

That the Town hereby establishes a committee, not larger than seven (7) members to be appointed by the Moderator, for the purpose of studying electronic voting and to report back to and make recommendations to future Town Meetings.

A true copy of the vote under Article 22 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Arlington at the session held April 30, 2012.

ATTEST: Town Clerk

ARTICLE 23 BYLAW AMENDMENT/SECOND WATER METERS

VOTED: (POSITIVE VOTE) (QUORUM PRESENT)

That no action be taken under Article 23. A true copy of the vote under Article 23 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Arlington at the session held April 30, 2012.

ATTEST:
Town Clerk

ARTICLE 24 BYLAW AMENDMENT/EVENING PARK USE

VOTED: (QUORUM PRESENT)

That no action be taken under Article 24.

A true copy of the vote under Article 24 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Arlington at the session held April 30, 2012.

ATTEST:
Town Clerk

ARTICLE 26 ESTABLISH COMMITTEE/BUILDING MAINTENANCE

VOTED: (UNANIMOUSLY) (QUORUM PRESENT)

That no action be taken under Article 26.

A true copy of the vote under Article 26 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Arlington at the session held April 30, 2012.

ATTEST: Town Clerk

ARTICLE 28 VOTE/STREET NAME STANDARDIZATION

VOTED: (UNANIMOUSLY) (QUORUM PRESENT)

That (1) the spelling of the name of Albemarle Street, as previously accepted and established as a town way by the 1916 Town Meeting, be and hereby is standardized as "Albermarle Street" for all purposes; (2) the spelling of the name of Mt. Vernon Street, as previously accepted and established as a town way by the 1873 Town Meeting and the 1929 Town Meeting be and hereby is standardized as "Mt. Vernon Street" for all purposes; and (3) the spelling of the name of Waverly Street, as previously accepted and established as a town way by the 1950 Town Meeting and the 1957 Town Meeting be and hereby is standardized as "Waverly Street" for all purposes.

A true copy of the vote under Article 28 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Arlington at the session held April 30, 2012.

ATTEST:
Town Clerk

ARTICLE 30 VOTE/INCREASE ANNUAL INCOME LIMIT FOR

ELDERLY RESIDENTS TO QUALIFY FOR

PROPERTY TAX DEFERRALS

VOTED: (POSITIVE) (QUORUM PRESENT)

That the Town hereby increases the maximum gross receipts to qualify for property-tax deferral under Clause 41A of Section 5 of Chapter 59 to 100% of the amount established annually by the Commissioner of Revenue as the income limit for single seniors who are not heads of households to qualify for the "circuit breaker" state income tax credit for the preceding tax year, with such increase to be effective for deferrals granted for taxes assessed for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2012.

A true copy of the vote under Article 30 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Arlington at the session held April 30, 2012.

ATTEST:
Town Clerk