

**WARRANT FOR
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
AND
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

ELECTION

Saturday, April 2, 2011



**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Monday, April 25, 2011**

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
Monday, May 9, 2011**

TOWN OF ARLINGTON

TOWN WARRANT
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Middlesex, ss.

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

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Arlington qualified to vote in elections, to meet at the polling places designated for the several Precincts in said Town on

SATURDAY
THE SECOND OF APRIL 2011

at eight o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1 TO ELECT BY BALLOT:

- A) One Town Clerk for three years**
- B) One Treasurer for three years**
- C) Two Selectmen for three years**
One Selectman for one year (to fill a vacancy)
- D) One Assessor for three years**
- E) Three School Committee Members for three years**
- F) One Member of the Arlington Housing Authority for five years**

Also, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 43A of the General Laws, the number of Town Meeting Members hereinafter specified:

- PRECINCT 1 - Four for three years;**
- PRECINCT 2 - Four for three years;**
- PRECINCT 3 - Four for three years;**
- PRECINCT 4 - Four for three years;**
- PRECINCT 5 - Four for three years;**
- PRECINCT 6 - Four for three years; One for two years (to fill a vacancy);**
Two for one year (to fill vacancies).
- PRECINCT 7 - Four for three years;**
- PRECINCT 8 - Four for three years;**
- PRECINCT 9 - Four for three years;**
- PRECINCT 10 - Four for three years;**
- PRECINCT 11 - Four for three years; One for two years (to fill a vacancy).**
- PRECINCT 12 - Four for three years; One for two years (to fill a vacancy).**
- PRECINCT 13 - Four for three years;**
- PRECINCT 14 - Four for three years;**
- PRECINCT 15 - Four for three years; One for two years (to fill a vacancy).**
One for one year (to fill a vacancy).
- PRECINCT 16 - Four for three years;**
- PRECINCT 17 - Four for three years;**

- PRECINCT 18 - Four for three years;**
- PRECINCT 19 - Four for three years;**
- PRECINCT 20 - Four for three years; One for one year (to fill a vacancy).**
- PRECINCT 21 - Four for three years.**

For these purposes, the polls will be opened at eight o'clock A.M. and remain open until eight o'clock P.M., at each of the polling places designated, viz.:

- Precinct 1 Thompson School, entrance on North Union Street
- Precinct 2 Hardy School, entrance on Brooks Avenue
- Precinct 3 Thompson School, entrance on North Union Street
- Precinct 4 Hardy School, entrance on Brooks Avenue
- Precinct 5 Thompson School, entrance on North Union Street
- Precinct 6 Hardy School, entrance on Brooks Avenue
- Precinct 7 Chestnut Manor, entrance on Chestnut Terrace
- Precinct 8 Town Hall, entrance on Massachusetts Avenue
- Precinct 9 Chestnut Manor, entrance on Chestnut Terrace
- Precinct 10 Town Hall, entrance on Massachusetts Avenue
- Precinct 11 Bishop School, entrance on Stowcroft Road
- Precinct 12 Brackett School, entrance on Eastern Avenue
- Precinct 13 Stratton School, entrance on Mountain Avenue
- Precinct 14 Brackett School, entrance on Eastern Avenue
- Precinct 15 Stratton School, entrance on Mountain Avenue
- Precinct 16 Dallin School, entrance on Florence Avenue
- Precinct 17 Stratton School, entrance on Mountain Avenue
- Precinct 18 Dallin School, entrance on Florence Avenue
- Precinct 19 Peirce School, entrance on Newland Road
- Precinct 20 Park Avenue Congregational Church, entrance on Paul Revere Road
- Precinct 21 Peirce School, entrance on Newland Road

You are also required to notify and warn the said inhabitants to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Monday the 25th day of April, 2011, at eight o'clock in the evening, at which time and place the following articles are to be acted upon and determined exclusively by Town Meeting Members, in accordance with and subject to the referenda provided for by Chapter 43A of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 2

STATE OF THE TOWN ADDRESS

To hear the Chair of the Board of Selectmen review important events in the past year in Arlington and preview expectations for next year.

(Inserted at the request of Vision 2020)

ARTICLE 3

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

To receive, hear, and act upon the reports of the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, Redevelopment Board, and other committees, commissions, and boards heretofore appointed, including, without limitation: Permanent Town Building Committee (April 23, 1969), Vision 2020 Standing Committee (June 8, 1992), Commission on Disability (May 3, 1993), School Facilities "Working Group" (May 4, 1994), Bylaw Recodification Study Committee (May 9, 1994), Affordable Housing Task Force (May 3, 1999), Zoning Bylaw Review Committee (May 12,

1999), Uncle Sam Committee (May 17, 1999), Fields and Playgrounds Task Force (May 19, 1999), Maintenance Study Committee (May 1, 2000), Alewife Brook Advisory Committee (May 15, 2000), Community Preservation Act Study Committee (May 21, 2001), Symmes Advisory Committee (May 21, 2001), Power Company Feasibility Committee (May 6, 2002), Community-Based Health Insurance Study Committee (April 30, 2003), Tree Committee (May 7, 2003), Post-Employment Medical Benefits Committee (May 17, 2004), Trust Fund Policies Committee (May 17, 2004), Information Technology Advisory Committee (May 17, 2004), Field Maintenance and Users Fee Study Committee (May 26, 2004), Symmes Neighborhood Advisory Committee (September 27, 2004), Private Way Procedures Committee (May 18, 2005), Symmes Neighborhood Committee (May 18, 2005), Explore Options for Additional Burial Spaces Committee (April 26, 2006), State Aid Task Force Committee (April 26, 2006), Part Time Elected Officials' Benefits Study Committee (May 1, 2006); G.I.S Review Committee (May 10, 2006); Bus Shelters Committee (May 2, 2007), Outdoor Swimming Pool (May 21, 2008), Town Government Reorganization Committee (2009), or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Moderator)

ARTICLE 4 APPOINTMENT OF MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

To choose and appoint all the usual Town Officers not hereinbefore mentioned, in such a manner as the Town may determine; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 5 ELECTION OF ASSISTANT TOWN MODERATOR

To elect a Town Meeting Member as Assistant Moderator for a term of one year, as provided in Title I, Article 1, Section 11.A, of the Bylaws; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Moderator)

ARTICLE 6 ZONING MAP AMENDMENT/ ADD TOWN- OWNED LAND ON POND LANE TO THE OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

To see whether the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Map to change the zoning district of the Town-owned parcel of land on Pond Lane shown as Lot 8 on Assessors Map 10, Block 3 from the Residence 2 (R2) to the Open Space (OS) district, or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Redevelopment Board)

ARTICLE 7 ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT/ALLOW CEMETERY USE IN THE OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw in Articles 5, 6, and 11, and elsewhere as may be required, to allow cemetery use solely for cremated remains on land under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission by special permit subject to Environmental Design Review; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Redevelopment Board)

ARTICLE 19 BYLAW AMENDMENT/INCREASE FINES FOR UNLEASHED DOGS

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Bylaws, Title VIII, Article 2, Section 2, Paragraph C (fines) to increase the fines for violation of Article 2, Section 2-Leashing of Dogs; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Christina Chalapatas and 10 registered voters)

ARTICLE 20 BYLAW AMENDMENT/USE OF MINUTEMAN BIKEWAY

To see whether the Town will vote to (1) delete or amend Section 10 (“Minuteman Bikeway Hours”) of Article 1 of Title III of the Bylaws to change the allowable hours of use of the Bikeway and/or require certain safety measures be taken by users of the Bikeway after dark; and/or (2) amend Section 11 (“Motorized Vehicles on Minuteman Bikeway”) of Article 1 of Title III of the Bylaws to clarify the definition of “motorized vehicles” that are prohibited from the Bikeway, determine penalties for violation of the Bylaws as so amended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee)

ARTICLE 21 BYLAW AMENDMENT/CLOSING OF WARRANT

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Bylaws, Title 1, Article 1, Sec. 2, to provide that the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting shall remain open until 60 days before the Annual Town Election; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Meeting Procedures Committee)

ARTICLE 22 BYLAW AMENDMENT/TOWN MEETING STANDING VOTES

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Bylaws: to provide that, whenever a vote of a supermajority of the Town Meeting Members present and voting is required on any matter, the Moderator may declare a motion passed by a voice vote of a supermajority in favor and a standing vote need not be taken unless required by law or these By-Laws, or unless requested by five voters; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Meeting Procedures Committee)

ARTICLE 23 BYLAW AMENDMENT/SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL ENFORCEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Bylaws (1) to include enhanced measures to enforce existing snow-removal obligations by residents, property-owners, and businesses, including but not limited to requiring reimbursement of Town expenses incurred in removing snow and ice from sidewalks that are not timely cleared in accordance with Town Bylaws; and (2) to impose municipal charges liens on responsible residents, property-owners, and businesses where such reimbursement is not timely paid; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

ARTICLE 24 BYLAW AMENDMENT/MASSACHUSETTS PUBLIC RECORDS LAW

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a bylaw to set the fee charged for the provision of copies of electronic communications provided in response to requests made under the Massachusetts Public Records Law to the lesser of the amount allowed by said law or 20 cents per electronic message (including any attachments) provided plus fifty dollars per request; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Christopher P. Loreti and 10 registered voters)

ARTICLE 25 BYLAW AMENDMENT/SOLICITATION AND RECEIPT OF GIFTS

To see if the Town will vote to adopt a bylaw to prohibit municipal employees, including special municipal employees, from asking for or accepting anything of any value, including any form of professional services, from those with whom they have official dealings; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Christopher P. Loreti and 10 registered voters)

ARTICLE 26 BYLAW AMENDMENT/ MOTORBOATS ON SPY POND

To see if the Town will vote to approve a bylaw creating a no-wake zone within 50 feet of any shore, including Elizabeth Island, for motorboats on Spy Pond.

(Inserted at the request of the Friends of Spy Pond Park and 10 registered voters)

ARTICLE 27 VOTE/SPY POND MOTORBOAT REGULATIONS SIGN

To see if the Town will vote to approve a new sign specifying all motorboat regulations (including no-wake bylaw if approved, 10 horsepower and 10 mph limit) and boating courtesy expectations for the Spy Pond boat ramp and will vote to appropriate the funds for creating and posting the sign.

(Inserted at the request of the Friends of Spy Pond Park and 10 registered voters)

ARTICLE 28 HOME RULE LEGISLATION/SALES OF WINE AND MALT BEVERAGES IN THEATERS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize and request the Board of Selectmen to file Home Rule Legislation with the General Court to allow for the placement on the official ballot for the 2012 Annual Town Election the following question: "Shall the Board of Selectmen be authorized to grant licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages in theaters with seating capacity of at least 100?"; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 29 HOME RULE LEGISLATION/TWO ADDITIONAL LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES NOT TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES

To see if the Town will vote to authorize and request the Board of Selectmen to file Home Rule Legislation with the General Court to allow for the placement on the official ballot for the 2012 Annual Town Election the following question: "Shall the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Arlington be authorized to issue two additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises?"; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 30 HOME RULE LEGISLATION/EXEMPTION OF NEWLY HIRED NON-PUBLIC-SAFETY TOWN EMPLOYEES FROM CIVIL SERVICE

To see if the Town will vote to authorize and request the Board of Selectmen to file Home Rule Legislation to exempt prospectively non-public-safety Town employees from Chapter 31 of the General Laws; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

ARTICLE 31 HOME RULE LEGISLATION/GROUP INSURANCE COMMISSION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize and request the Board of Selectmen to file Home Rule Legislation with the General Court to allow the Town to provide health-insurance benefits to its employees, retirees, and their dependents through the Group Insurance Commission without the necessity of collective bargaining; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

ARTICLE 32 HOME RULE LEGISLATION/GROUP INSURANCE COMMISSION HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize and request the Board of Selectmen to file Home Rule Legislation with the General Court to allow the Town to offer Health Reimbursement Accounts for its employees in the Group Insurance Commission; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Barbara Goodman and 10 registered voters)

ARTICLE 33 HOME RULE LEGISLATION/WIRELESS ANTENNA LEASES

To see if the Town will vote to authorize and request the Board of Selectmen to file Home Rule Legislation to amend Chapter 44 of the Acts of 1998, An Act Authorizing the Town Manager in the Town of Arlington to Lease Certain Park Land and Other Open Spaces to Wireless Communications Companies for the Erection of Wireless Antennas or Other Related Appurtenant Structures, to provide continued authority to set aside the proceeds from such leases for the maintenance and improvement of parks, playgrounds, and open space; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

ARTICLE 34 VOTE/PAY AS YOU THROW (PAYT) TRASH COLLECTION PROGRAM

To see if the Town will vote to implement a pay as you throw (PAYT) trash collection program, including any changes to its Bylaws, rules and regulations and/or the adoption of a supporting resolution as may be required for implementation of said PAYT trash collection program; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Arlington Recycling Committee)

ARTICLE 35 BYLAW AMENDMENT/TRASH REMOVAL

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Bylaws to require compliance with Town solid-waste removal methods, provide for enforcement and determine penalties for violations thereof; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Vision 2020 Sustainable Arlington)

ARTICLE 36 TRANSFER OF REAL ESTATE/23 MAPLE STREET

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management, and control of 23 Maple Street and/or its appurtenant land to the Board of Selectmen for any municipal purpose; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

ARTICLE 37 DISPOSITION OF REAL ESTATE/23 MAPLE STREET

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of 23 Maple Street and/or its appurtenant land by sale or otherwise under such terms as the Town may specify

herein shall violate school department prerogatives under Chapter 71, Section 37M, of the Massachusetts General Laws; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Government Reorganization Committee)

ARTICLE 45 **BYLAW AMENDMENT/CONSOLIDATED TOWN-SCHOOL HUMAN RESOURCE DEPARTMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Title I, Article 6 (“Classification and Compensation Plans and Personnel Bylaw”) and/or any other relevant provision of the Bylaws to authorize and implement a consolidated Human Resource Department and Human Resource Board serving all Town and School Department appointing authorities, provided nothing herein shall violate school department prerogatives under Chapter 71, Section 37M, of the Massachusetts General Laws; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Government Reorganization Committee)

ARTICLE 46 **BYLAW AMENDMENT/ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Title I of the Bylaws to require the preparation of an abbreviated Town financial report, as recommended by the Government Finance Officers Association and referred to as - The Public Access Finance Report - to appropriate the necessary funds to do an annual mailing to all households in the Town; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Government Reorganization Committee)

ARTICLE 47 **AMEND TOWN MANAGER ACT/BUDGET SUBMISSIONS**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize and request the Board of Selectmen to file Home Rule Legislation to amend “An Act Establishing a Town Manager Form of Government for the Town of Arlington,” as adopted through Chapter 503 of the Acts of 1952 and as subsequently amended, to set procedural, timing, and substantive requirements concerning the submission of annual budget requests to the School Committee, Board of Selectmen, and Finance Committee; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Government Reorganization Committee)

ARTICLE 48 **BYLAW AMENDMENT/BUDGET SUBMISSIONS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Bylaws to set procedural, timing and substantive requirements concerning the submission of annual budget requests to the School Committee, Board of Selectmen, and Finance Committee; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Government Reorganization Committee)

ARTICLE 49 **CREATE COMMITTEE FOR LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLANNING**

To see if the Town will vote to establish a committee to review long-term economic, social, and political trends that could affect the Town and to make reports and recommendations to Town Officials; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Government Reorganization Committee)

ARTICLE 50 **VOTE/EXTEND TOWN REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE OF 2009**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote of the 2009 Town Meeting under Article 32 to provide that the Town Government Reorganization Committee of 2009 shall dissolve upon completion of the 2012 Annual Town Meeting; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Government Reorganization Committee)

matters hereinafter mentioned, and to provide for the disposal of motor vehicles and other personal property belonging to the Town, determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto: Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, Personnel, Comptroller, Information Technology, Town Treasurer and Collector of Taxes, Assessors, Legal and Workers' Compensation, Town Clerk, Registrars, Planning and Community Development, Redevelopment Board, Parking, Zoning Board of Appeals, Public Works, Cemeteries, Community Safety, School Department, Libraries, Human Services, Insurance, Non-Contributory Pensions, Contributory Pensions, Town Debt and Interest, Reserve Fund, and/or any other Town Departments, Boards, Commissions or Committees, Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund, Recreation Enterprise Fund, Council on Aging Transportation Enterprise Fund, Veterans' Memorial Rink Enterprise Fund, and Youth Services Enterprise Fund.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen and at the request of the Town Manager)

ARTICLE 57

CAPITAL BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to defray the expense of purchasing, leasing, or bonding of capital equipment, infrastructure, buildings or other projects of the Town or to acquire real property for municipal purposes; to appropriate a sum of money to fund previously incurred or future Town debt, to acquire land for said projects where necessary by purchase, eminent domain taking or otherwise, determine how the money shall be raised including the possibility of borrowing any or all of the same, or the transfer of funds from any previous appropriation, determine how such money shall be expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen and at the request of the Town Manager and the Capital Planning Committee)

ARTICLE 58

**APPROPRIATION/TAKINGS-MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE
SIDEWALKS**

To see if the Town will vote to act by and through the Board of Selectmen to take by eminent domain, purchase, or otherwise acquire outright or acquire permanent or temporary easements along Massachusetts Avenue between Pond Lane and the Cambridge City Line for the purpose of improving or replacing sidewalks in connection with the Commonwealth's Transportation Improvement Program, to appropriate a sum or sums of money for such acquisitions, determine how the money will be raised and expended, including the possibility of borrowing any or all of it; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager and the Director of Public Works)

ARTICLE 59

**APPROPRIATION/FINANCING OF CONSTRUCTION OR
RECONSTRUCTION OF SEWERS AND SEWERAGE FACILITIES**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of financing the construction or reconstruction of sewers and sewerage facilities for inflow/infiltration reduction or system rehabilitation, including costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine how the appropriation shall be raised or expended, including the possibility of borrowing all or some of same; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager and the Director of Public Works)

ARTICLE 60

APPROPRIATION/FINANCING OF CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION OF WATER MAINS AND WATER FACILITIES

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of financing the construction or reconstruction of water mains and water facilities, including costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine how the appropriation shall be raised and expended including the possibility of borrowing all or some of same; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager and the Director of Public Works)

ARTICLE 61

APPROPRIATION/MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of paying the Town’s apportioned share of the operating and maintenance costs, including capital costs, of the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical High School, determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of Minuteman Regional Vocational School District Committee)

ARTICLE 62

APPROPRIATION/COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums of money to be expended under the direction of various committees, commissions, and boards of the Town, determine how the money shall be raised; provided that any funds appropriated hereunder shall remain under the jurisdiction of said entities until expended at their direction, unless otherwise appropriated by the Town Meeting; the entities included hereunder, without limitation, are: Arlington Historical Commission, Arlington Recycling Committee, Avon Place Historic District Commission, Broadway Historic District Commission, Central Street Historic District Commission, Mt. Gilboa/Crescent Hill Historic District Commission, Jason/Gray Historic District Commission, Pleasant Street Historic District Commission, Russell Historic District Commission, Conservation Commission, Capital Planning Committee, Commission on Disability, Personnel Board, Public Memorial Committee, Human Rights Commission, Scenic Byway/Tourism/Economic Development Committee and any other Town Committee or commission; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Moderator and the Finance Committee)

ARTICLE 63

APPROPRIATION/TOWN CELEBRATIONS, ETC.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum or sums of money to be expended under the direction of the Town Manager for the following celebrations and memorials, determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto:

- Veterans’ Day Parade
- Memorial Day Observation and the Patriots’ Day Celebration
- Display of American Flags on Massachusetts Avenue
- Placing of American Flags on the Graves of Veterans

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

ARTICLE 64

APPROPRIATION/MISCELLANEOUS

To see if the Town will vote the following:

Legal Defense – To appropriate a sum of money to replenish the Legal Defense Fund established under Article 13, Section 5 of Title 1 of the Town Bylaws, Out-Of-State Travel – To appropriate a sum of money for expenses incurred outside the Commonwealth and as described in the General

Laws, Chapter 40, Section 5, Paragraph 34, said appropriation to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager, Indemnification of Medical Costs, to appropriate a sum of money in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 100B of the General Laws, to indemnify certain retired Police Officers and Firefighters for all reasonable medical and surgical expenses which they incurred, determine how the money will be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

ARTICLE 65 **APPROPRIATION/ARLINGTON'S WATER BODIES FUND**

To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to the Town's Water Bodies Fund for the maintenance, treatment and oversight of the Town's water bodies, said sum (\$15,000.00) to be raised by the general tax and expended under the direction of the Town Manager who will also report to Town Meeting on the status of the fund; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Vision 2020 Standing Committee and its Environment Task Group's Spy Pond Committee)

ARTICLE 66 **APPROPRIATION/ARLINGTON'S WATER BODIES FUND**

To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to the Town's Water Bodies Fund for maintenance, treatment, and oversight of the Town's water bodies, said sum (\$20,000) to be raised by the general tax and expended under the direction of the Town Manager; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Conservation Commission)

ARTICLE 67 **APPROPRIATION/PENSION ADJUSTMENT FOR FORMER TWENTY-FIVE YEAR/ACCIDENTAL DISABILITY EMPLOYEE**

To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to implement the provisions of Chapter 32 of Massachusetts General Laws Section 90A, 90C, 90D, and 90E, pursuant to which the Town pays up to fifty percent of the maximum salary as set forth in the Compensation and Pay Plan for the position formerly held by retired employees with twenty-five or more years of service to the Town and those employees who retired under an Accidental Disability; provided, however, that no one who retires after May 1, 2010 shall be eligible under this vote unless they qualify for at least a fifty percent pension without this vote upon their retirement. This adjustment to be paid to those who qualify and administered in accordance with prior practice and understanding relating to the retirement allowance of said retirees; determine how the money shall be raised and expended; or take action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Contributory Retirement Board)

ARTICLE 68 **APPROPRIATION/OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) TRUST FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to accept into the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund, established by Chapter 161 of the Acts of 2005, an appropriation of funds and/or the transfer of additional monies that the Town may deem advisable from other sources, including any monies previously deposited into any of the Town's stabilization funds for this purpose, in order to administer and fund its OPEB obligation as described in the said Chapter 161 of the Acts of 2005; determine how the monies shall be raised and expended; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Contributory Retirement Board)

ARTICLE 76

USE OF FREE CASH

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the taking of a sum of money voted for appropriations heretofore made at the Town Meeting under the Warrant and not voted to be borrowed from available funds in the Treasury, and authorize the Assessors to use free cash in the Treasury to that amount in the determination of the tax rate for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2011; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Finance Committee)

...(SIGNED)
....A true copy.
Attest:

(SIGNED)
DIANE M. MAHON
ANNIE LACOURT
KEVIN F. GREELEY
JOHN W. HURD
CLARISSA ROWE

SELECTMEN
OF THE
TOWN
OF
ARLINGTON

RICHARD BOYLE
CONSTABLE

**Warrant For
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Monday, May 9, 2011**

**TOWN WARRANT
COMMONWEALTH OF
MASSACHUSETTS**

Middlesex, ss.

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

GREETINGS

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

**TOWN HALL
In said Town on
MONDAY THE 9TH DAY OF MAY, 2011**

At 8:00 P.M., at which time and place the following articles are to be acted upon and determined exclusively by Town Meeting Members, in accordance with, and subject to, the referenda provided by Chapter 43A of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 1 **REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

To receive, hear, and act upon reports of boards and committees; or take any action related thereto.
(Inserted by the Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 2 **AMENDMENTS TO FY2011 BUDGETS**

To see if the Town will vote to revise various FY2011 appropriations previously voted by the 2010 Annual Town Meeting; or take any action related thereto.
(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

ARTICLE 3 **APPROPRIATION/ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL REPAIR**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Municipal Building Insurance Fund for the cost of emergency repairs to the Arlington High School; or take any action related thereto.
(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager)

ARTICLE 4 **CAPITAL BUDGET/STRATTON SCHOOL**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for Phase 2 renovations to the Stratton School, determine how the money shall be raised and expended, including the possibility of borrowing all or some of same; or take any action related thereto.
(Inserted at the request of the Superintendent of Schools)

ARTICLE 5

CAPITAL BUDGET/THOMPSON SCHOOL

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to remodel, renovate, construct an addition to, and/or construct a wholly new building for the Thompson School, to determine how the money shall be raised and appropriated, including the possibility of borrowing same; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Superintendent of Schools)

ARTICLE 6

APPROPRIATION/UNPAID BILLS FROM PREVIOUS FISCAL YEARS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the payment of unpaid bills for services rendered; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Superintendent of Schools)

ARTICLE 7

APPROPRIATION/TAKINGS-MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE SIDEWALKS

To see if the Town will vote to act by and through the Board of Selectmen to take by eminent domain, purchase, or otherwise acquire outright or acquire permanent or temporary easements along Massachusetts Avenue between Pond Lane and the Cambridge City Line for the purpose of improving or replacing sidewalks in connection with the Commonwealth’s Transportation Improvement Program, to appropriate a sum or sums of money for such acquisitions, determine how the money will be raised and expended, including the possibility of borrowing any or all of it; or take any action related thereto.

(Inserted at the request of the Town Manager and the Director of Public Works)

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

...(SIGNED)
...A true copy.
Attest:

(SIGNED)
DIANE M. MAHON
ANNIE LACOURT
KEVIN F. GREELEY
JOHN W. HURD
CLARISSA ROWE

SELECTMEN
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TOWN
OF
ARLINGTON

RICHARD BOYLE
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HOW TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

Reasons for voting absentee

You may vote absentee if you are registered and will be unable to vote at the polls on Election Day because of

Absence from the Town
Physical disability
Religious beliefs

Illegal absentee voting is punishable by a fine of up to \$10,000 and up to five years in prison.

Applying for an absentee ballot

You must apply for an absentee ballot from the Town Clerk no later than noon of the day before the election. Applications may be mailed or hand delivered and you may use any form of written communication (letter or postcard) or the official application form.

Include on the application

Your name as registered
Your registration address
Precinct, if you know it
The precise address to which you wish the ballot sent
Your own signature

Requesting to vote by mail

A ballot will be sent to any address you specify including your own home. Be sure to apply early because the ballots must be sent by mail and may be returned by mail or hand delivered.

Requesting to vote in person

If you prefer, you may request to vote in person before Election Day. You may vote at the Town Hall before Election Day at a time arranged with the Clerk, but application for your ballot must be made no later than noon of the day before the election. A voter may apply for an absentee ballot and then vote over-the-counter during the same visit.

Applying to vote if you are absent from the state, in the armed services or a prisoner

Registered and unregistered residents of Massachusetts outside the state and residents on active duty in the armed forces and merchant marine and their spouses or dependents, and prisoners, may vote absentee. They may request an absentee ballot from the Town where they legally reside (if outside the U.S., where they resided last before leaving). In addition, a close relative may apply on their behalf in person at the Town Clerk's Office.

A parent of a registered voter who is a student at a Massachusetts college or university may apply for an absentee ballot on the student's behalf to the Town Clerk where the student is registered.

In all cases, unregistered voters must register in person when they return to the state, since this does not establish permanent registration.

What if I am permanently physically disabled?

If you are permanently physically disabled and cannot cast your vote at the polling place, you may file a letter from your physician with the Town Clerk, stating that you are permanently unable to cast your vote at the polling place because of physical disability. A completed application for an absentee ballot, for you to sign and return, must be mailed by the Town Clerk to you at least 28 days before every primary and election.

NOTE: Voters who are admitted to a health care facility after noon of the fifth day before an election may apply for an absentee ballot up until the polls close on the day of the election (rather than noon the day before the election) and must designate a person to hand deliver and return the absentee ballot.