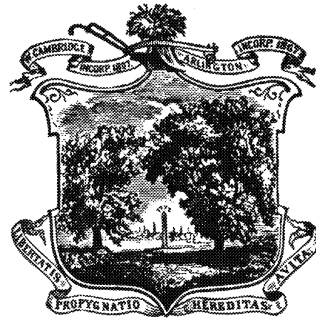


**TOWN OF ARLINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS**

**REPORT OF THE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**



(Including the recommendations of the Finance Committee)

**TO THE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2009**

8:00 P.M.

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen be and hereby is authorized to file a home-rule petition with the Legislature that would read substantially as follows:

“AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF ARLINGTON TO PLACE UPON A TOWN BALLOT A QUESTION RELATING TO THE LICENSING OF PURVEYORS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES NOT TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES.

Section 1. The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Arlington is hereby authorized to place upon the ballot at a 2010 Town election the following question:

Shall the Board of Selectmen of the Town be authorized to issue up to three licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises in replacement of up to three existing licenses for the sale of wine and malt beverages not to be drunk on the premises?

YES	
NO	

Section 2. If a majority of voters voting at the 2010 Town election at which the above question appears on the ballot vote ‘yes’ on the question, then the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Arlington may issue up to three licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk off the premises in place of up to three licenses that are currently authorized in the Town of Arlington for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk off the premises.

Section 3. This act will take effect upon passage.”

(5-0)

COMMENT: The April 2009 general election included a non-binding policy question, Question 4, querying whether three existing package-store licenses that currently allow the sale only of wine and beer should be amended to allow the sale of all alcoholic beverages. The electorate approved this question by a vote of 2938-2200. The Board of Selectmen believes that permitting the currently licensed package stores to expand their sales to include all alcoholic beverages will increase convenience for Arlington residents and will allow these stores to fairly compete with stores in adjoining communities. Therefore, the Board recommends favorable action under this article to begin the process of amending the three existing licenses to allow the sale of all alcoholic beverages.

ARTICLE 5

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

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen be and hereby is authorized to file a home-rule petition with the Legislature that would read substantially as follows:

“AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF ARLINGTON TO PLACE UPON A TOWN BALLOT A QUESTION THAT WOULD AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES NOT TO BE DRUNK ON THE PREMISES.

Section 1. The Board of Selectmen of the Town of Arlington is hereby authorized to place upon the ballot at a 2010 Town election the following question:

Shall the Board of Selectmen of the Town be authorized to issue up to two additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises?

YES	
NO	

Section 2. If a majority of voters voting at the 2010 Town election at which the above question appears on the ballot vote ‘yes’ on the question, then the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Arlington may issue up to two additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk off the premises.

Section 3. This act will take effect upon passage.”

(3-2; Ms. Mahon and Mr. Hurd voted in the negative)

COMMENT: The April 2009 general election included a non-binding policy question, Question 3, querying whether the number of package-store licenses in the Town should be increased from three to five. The electorate approved this question by a vote of 2594-2566. The Board of Selectmen believes that increasing to five the number of stores licensed to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption off the premises will enhance convenience for Arlington residents by allowing a more even geographical distribution of these businesses. Therefore, a majority of the Board recommends favorable action under this article to begin the process of increasing the number of available licenses from three to five.

**ARTICLE 6 AMEND ADVISORY COMMITTEE/ REORGANIZATION
OF TOWN GOVERNMENT**

VOTED: That the May 11, 2009, affirmative vote of the 2009 Annual Town Meeting under Article 32, creating the committee designated as ‘THE TOWN GOVERNMENT REORGANIZATION COMMITTEE OF 2009’, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence immediately before the final sentence: “Additionally, the committee by majority vote may appoint its own additional members as it deems desirable.”

(5-0)

COMMENT: This committee was created by the 2009 Annual Town Meeting to explore and consider organizational alternatives to increase efficiency and effectiveness in the delivery of Town services. The Board of Selectmen favors a flexible committee composition for more nimble adaptation to the limitations and challenges identified by the committee as it engages in its work. Therefore, the Board recommends favorable action under this article. As amended, the vote would read as follows, with the new sentence highlighted:

**ARTICLE 32 ESTABLISH ADVISORY
COMMITTEE/REORGANIZATION OF TOWN GOVERNMENT**

That the Town Government Reorganization Committee of 2009 be convened to consider and make recommendations to Town Meeting, the Town Manager, and/or the Superintendent of Schools on any advisable reorganization, consolidation, or abolition of Town and/or School departments, boards, committees, or officers and that such committee be comprised of the Town Manager and the Superintendent of Schools or their designees; one member each of the Finance Committee, the School Committee, and the Board of Selectmen; the Town Comptroller; the Town Treasurer; and six citizens; three of whom to be appointed by a majority of the Board of Selectmen and three of whom to be appointed by the Town Moderator. **Additionally, the committee by majority vote may appoint its own additional members as it deems desirable.** The committee shall produce a preliminary written report of its findings before the commencement of the 2010 Annual Town Meeting and a final written report of its findings before the commencement of the 2011 Annual Town Meeting, and it shall dissolve upon the completion of the 2011 Annual Town Meeting.



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